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IMPORTANT MODIFICATIONS INTRODUCED INTO PEACE PLAN



Prince von Starhemberg, above, leader of the Austrian Fatherland Front, has made guarded but definite references to the restoration of the Hapsburgs which have caused considerable interest in political circles.

NEW TERRITORIES TIGER

Village Woman Has Narrow Escape

TWO DIFFERENT PUG MARKS!

There appears to be no doubt that a tiger—or possibly two—is roaming about the New Territories. At 4 a.m. to-day two sets of pug marks were seen—one set measuring 6 x 7 inches, and the other 5 1/2 x 6 inches. It is thought therefore that either a male and female are roaming the countryside, or a fully-grown tiger and a cub.

The villagers in the neighbourhood are terrified and refuse to go out into the hills except in batches of 20 or more people. One female woodcutter had a narrow escape from the beast on Wednesday morning. At about 5 a.m. she was engaged on her work in the hills when she became aware of two eyes glaring at her out of the underbrush. The terrified woman ran back to the village, followed by the beast, and just managed to get into her house in time. The villagers went out after the animal, but had no luck.

NO TRACE OF LAIR

No trace has yet been discovered of the beast's lair, but it is understood that Mr. D. Burlingham, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, has arranged to take out a search party next week.

Elaborate precautions have now been taken to guard the livestock in the vicinity. Mr. D. Wilson has erected a wire fence round his farm property and will sit up one night in an effort to "bag" one of the beasts. It is believed that the animal or animals—deprived of their natural food, are liable to attack human beings on sight.

An attempt was made last night to trap the beast. A decoy goat was tethered, and a watch kept. But the wily animal made off with three goats from a nearby farm, leaving the baited trap severely alone.

The animal has been seen several times lately in the early morning by people living in the vicinity, and it is hoped that Mr. Burlingham's party will be able to account for it before it becomes still more of a menace to life and property thereabouts.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN

Nanking, To-day. — Dr. Cheng T'ien-fan, Chinese Ambassador designate to Germany, has definitely decided to sail for Berlin in the latter part of this month. He called on Mr. Hsu Mo, Political Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday morning. — Central News Agency.

HO-UMETSU PACT NON-EXISTENT

JAPANESE PLANES NOT ALLOWED OVER HOPEI

CHINESE SCHOLARS DEMAND FIRM POLICY

Peiping, To-day. Concerning the recent statement of the Japanese Military Attache, that Japanese planes were allowed by the Ho-Umetzu Agreement to fly over all Hopei, a member of the defunct Military Council very close to General Ho Ying-chin declares that the statement is totally incorrect.

He goes on to say that during the negotiations last June concerning Hopei between General Ho Ying-chin and Mr. Umetzu, the question of flying over Chinese territory by Japanese planes was never discussed. He added that the term "Ho-Umetzu Agreement" is also incorrect. "There is no such agreement as the so-called Ho-Umetzu agreement," he said.

Chinese reports state that Paochang has been re-occupied by the Chinese.

MR. CHOU LU AT NANKING

SEEKING FUNDS FOR UNIVERSITY

BUILDING PROGRAMME OF \$3,000,000

[From Our Own Correspondent] Canton, To-day.

At the earnest solicitation of General Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Chou Lu, Chancellor of Sun Yat-sen University, went to Nanking yesterday afternoon from Shanghai instead of returning to Canton with the other South-west delegates. Being a member of the standing committee of the Central Executive Committee, Mr. Chou will attend a meeting to-day concerning Sino-Japanese relations.

Other cables on China will be found on Page 14.

Mr. Chou is also acting as personal representative of Mr. Hu Han-min. Whether Mr. Hu will go to Nanking to become chairman of the C.E.C. standing committee depends upon the advice of Mr. Chou Lu.

While in the capital, Mr. Chou will also negotiate for large sums of money for the building expenses of Sun Yat-sen University, which he wishes to build up as the leading seat of learning in China. A sum of at least \$3,000,000 is required for present construction expenses.

Because Mr. Chou is now the outstanding figure in the South-west, General Chiang Kai-shek urged him to postpone his return until next week. The C.E.C. standing committee is the highest organ of the Kuomintang and supervises all Governmental action and policy.

LEITH-ROSS FOR HONG KONG?

FUTURE PLANS UNCERTAIN

Shanghai, To-day. The secretary to Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, who returned from Peiping yesterday, interviewed by Reuter, said that it was not certain whether Sir Frederick was going to Hong Kong, but he might do so, possibly at the end of this month. — Reuter.

GENERAL HO REFUSES

Peiping, Later: A message from Paotingfu states that General Ho Ying-chin stayed half an hour at Paoting last night, General Shang Chen and Mr. Wan Fu-lin meeting him aboard the train. While the conference was going on his secretary informed Chinese pressmen that General Ho Ying-chin had decided not to accept the post of director of the Peiping office of the Executive Yuan. — Reuter.

KUYUAN Recaptured By Chinese

JAPANESE DEMAND

Peiping, Later: Chinese reports announce the recapture of Kuyuan and Paochang following severe fighting with the Manchukuo forces. Chinese reinforcements from Tushikou are still continuing to arrive. Thousands of refugees are flocking towards Kalgan.

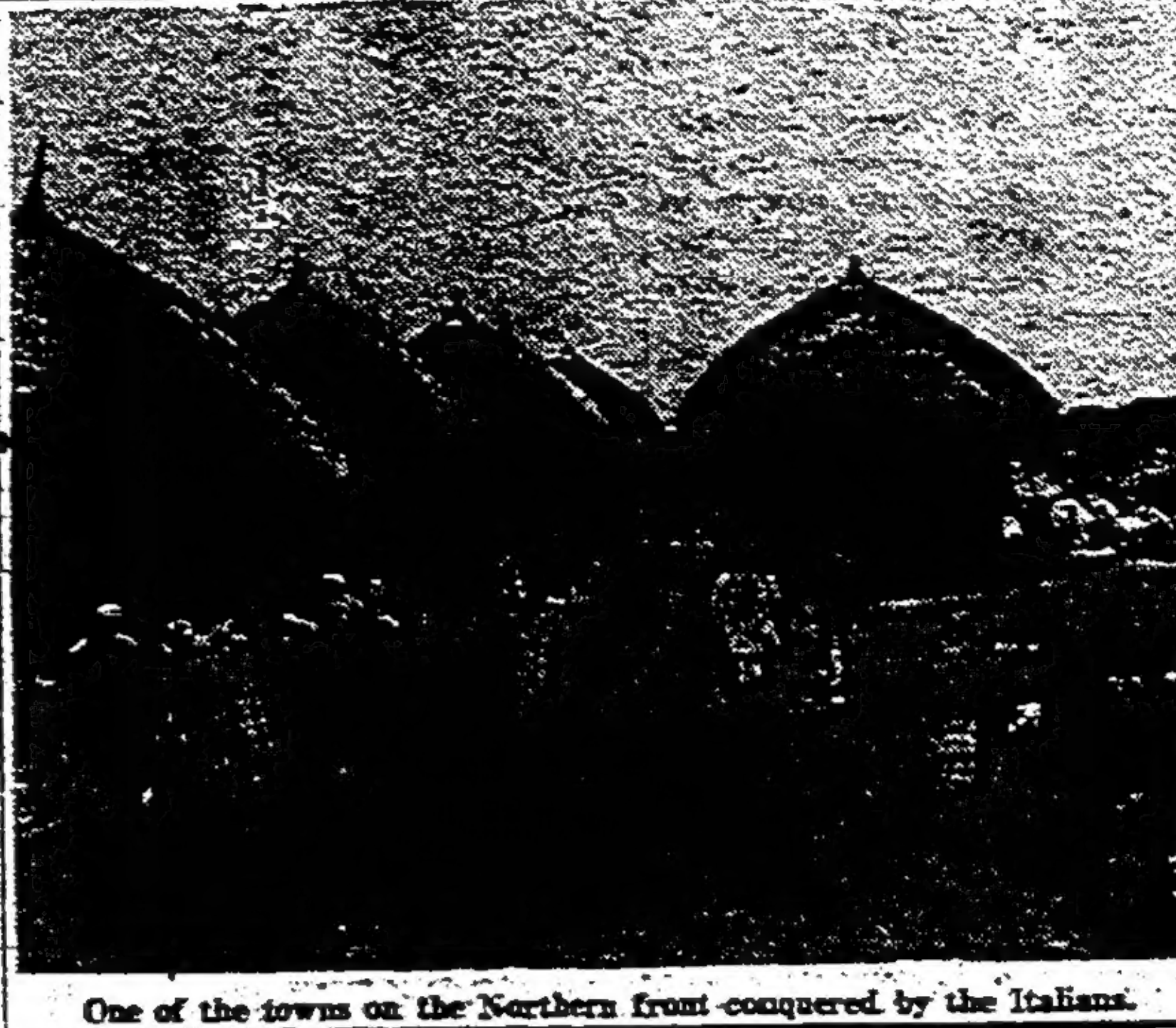
The Japanese are reported to have demanded the inclusion of the area either in Manchukuo or the demilitarised zone, in pursuance of their plan to drive a wedge into Outer Mongolia to counteract Soviet influence. A Japanese report says that a settlement on these lines has already been reached. — Reuter.

HOSTILITIES CEASE

Peiping, Later: The hostilities have ceased. Chinese sources confirm that General Sung Cheh-yan and Major-General Dohara have reached an agreement, whereby the Mongol militia have been given control of the area. — Reuter.

GENERAL CHANG LEAVES FOR EGYPT

Cairo, To-day. — General Chang Chih-kuang, who has been visiting Geneva, has left for Egypt. — Reuter.



One of the towns on the Northern front conquered by the Italians.

MORGENTHAU SILVER STATEMENT

GOOD IMPRESSION ALL ROUND

London, To-day.

The silver market's pious hopes of being able to fix "Spot" in a normal time have not materialised. The offerings are said to have been slightly less than on Wednesday. On the contrary America purchased more, and consequently allotments amounted to 18 per cent, as compared with 7 1/2.

The Treasury insisted yesterday, contrary to previous custom, on brokers submitting selling orders individually.

Mr. Morgenthau's statement enlivened a long, dreary session, creating a good impression all round. He pointed out that the principle of the matter is that America is prepared to continue her purchases, thus assuring healthy conditions in the international silver market.

The wisdom of the change in policy is admitted, which is expected to be carried out along the lines of exchange equalisation funds, thus avoiding the publicity attendant upon deals in one market. (Continued on Page 8)

NAVAL PARLEYS

European Questions Before Pacific

FRANCE SEEKS TO ELIMINATE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE

London, To-day.

The American press report that France did not align herself with the other Powers at the Naval Conference yesterday is understood to be unfounded. On the contrary the French delegation made it clear to the Japanese, who adopted the attitude that the questions affecting the three great Pacific Powers must be settled first and European questions afterwards, that the French did not wish the precedent followed at Washington to be repeated.

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JAPANESE COMMENT

Tokyo: According to the Yomiuri Shimbun the Japanese Navy Office authorities comment that it most regrettable that Britain, America and the other nations stick to the ratio principle and will not listen to the Japanese plea for a fair and fundamental disarmament formula. "We expect the time will come when they will surely recognise the sincerity of our disarmament formula, based on non-menace and non-aggression for the future. The London Conference faces difficulty, but we do not necessarily abandon hope for that reason." — Reuter.

PORT OF ASSAB FOR ABYSSINIA

THROUGH CORRIDOR TO ADDIS ABABA

NORTHERN TIGRE AND OGADEN OFFERED TO ITALY

Geneva, To-day.

The discussion of the oil embargo against Italy has been postponed until further notice as a result of the first session of the Committee of Eighteen, which began at 5 p.m. yesterday and lasted little more than half an hour.

M. Laval informed the Committee of the Franco-British proposals, while he explained that although England and France had received no mandate from the Sanctions Conference, they nevertheless made an attempt to bring about a reconciliation between the two parties to the dispute.

Moreover, it was not a question of "proposals" but of "suggestions," with which only the League Council was competent to deal. Naturally suggestions could also be put forward by any other members.

The Polish representative, M. Komarnitzki, stressed that the information given by Mr. Eden and M. Laval made it the Committee's duty not to take any action before the competent League of Nations organs had determined the whole situation in the light of the latest developments. The Committee will meet again to-day in order to receive the reports of the Committee for the supervision of the application of sanctions.

RED SUCCESSES IN HUNAN

EIGHT COUNTIES OCCUPIED

IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS UNKNOWN

[From Our Own Correspondent] Canton, To-day.

Eight counties along the Hunan-Kweichow borders are now occupied by the Communists under Ho Lung and Hsiao Keh. It is not yet clear whether they plan to remain there for some time or to move on to Szechuen.

Hunan provincial troops under Lieut-General Lin Chien-ju have had some encounters with the outlaws without gaining any headway. No headquarters of the Reds are located in Hunan and Chin Yuan in Eastern Kweichow.

All available Nanking troops in Kweichow have been rushed towards Chin Yuan with the object of preventing the enemy from going to Szechuen, where over 15,000 Reds are still active in the North-western districts.

Communists are raising the patriotic cry of fighting the Hopei traitors led by Mr. Yin Ju-keng, who styles himself Chairman of the Tungchow "Autonomous" Committee. This slogan has the effect of convincing the country people that the Reds are far better than the "autonomists."

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Important Changes In Peace Plan

Paris, Later: The modifications finally introduced into the peace plan at the request of the British Government were more important than was at first gathered, according to a French source at Geneva, which states that it is proposed to grant the port of Assab to Abyssinia, together with a through corridor to Addis Ababa.

Northern Tigre, with Adowa, Adigrat and Takazze, would be granted to Italy but not the whole province. Italy would also receive Ogaden, but the whole of the remaining Abyssinian territory, including a zone set aside for Italian colonisation, would be placed under an international League mandate, Italy having no right to organise its own police force in the colonised zone. — Reuter.

KANIBELA LAUNCHED

London, To-day. — The 10,000-ton twin screw motor passenger liner Kanibela, destined for use in the Australian coastal service, was launched yesterday by Messrs. Harland and Wolff at Belfast. — British Wireless Service.

DEBATE IN COMMONS

League To Consider Paris Proposals

BRITISH MINISTERS SHOW LACK OF ENTHUSIASM

London, To-day.

A full-dress debate on the Franco-British peace plan is expected to take place in the House of Commons next Thursday. Meanwhile Geneva's decision to refer the proposals to the Council of the League is received with satisfaction in political circles in London, which now expect the Council to exercise a controlling influence on the situation.

It is believed that this development is largely due to the attitude adopted by the British Cabinet, which from the first has insisted that the proposals should go to the League as well as to Italy and Abyssinia.

While it is denied that the proposals have created anything in the nature of a rupture in the ranks of the Cabinet, it is understood that there is a lack of enthusiasm for the proposals among certain Ministers, but it is pointed out that the Ministers generally never regarded the proposals as a definite plan for a settlement to which they were committed.

PRESS COMMENT. The Daily Telegraph says that there is some abatement of the general feeling of uneasiness. (Continued on Page 9)

POLITICAL MURDER

Russian Emigrant Done To Death

Harbin, To-day. The Russian emigrant General Mayor Tyrbak, a naturalised British subject and right-hand man of Alksan Semenov, was murdered on November 18 on the western section of the North Manchurian Railway. The murderer was a Red Russian named Hannak, who has been arrested. The murder is put down to political motives. — Reuter.

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NEW DESIGNS
IN STOVES AND
FIREPLACESEFFECTIVE SHAPES
AND COLOURSHeating Panel As
Part Of Wall

Each year the "heater-heating" campaign continues and designers have spent many hours in planning the most effective shapes and colouring for stoves and fireplaces.

As a result, this season has so many attractions in heating appliances that the housewife searching for new ones is lucky indeed.

If you like invisible heating you can choose a heating panel that will appear to be a part of the wall.

If you want a large, significant fireplace there is every sort from the old-fashioned red brick to the modern coloured tiling.

Fashions in Fireplaces
And you can even have a portable gas-fire in stainless steel that looks like a fire-screen, when not in use as a fire.

The keynote of this season's fashions in fireplaces is summed up in one word—variety.

There are red brick fireplaces in delightful designs for rooms with period furniture while, for the modern glass-and-chromium fitted room, tiled fireplaces in pastel shades to match the walls are very suitable.

The economical housewife will appreciate the four-in-one grates which provide a hot water supply as well as a means of cooking, and heat the room at the same time.

Imitation Fires
Some of the new designs in gas and electric fires are so ingenious that it is a pleasure to look at them. Inset fires in chromium plating are shown in plain rectangular or square patterns and also in the most intriguing and elaborate designs.

Imitation coal fires, worked by electricity, sometimes have quaintly shaped reflectors to make them harmonise with a Tudor or Jacobean decorative scheme.

In this way modern forms of heating can be brought to the "period" home as well as to the new type of house.

So interesting and practical are this season's designs in stoves, boilers and cookers that it is well worth while paying a visit to the shops to learn the advantages of the new models.

Economy is a primary thought with the manufacturers and you may find that some new type of heating appliance will save you pounds.

A NEW FASHION NOTE

A woman guest at the wedding in Paris of Mlle. Laval, daughter of the French Premier, reveals an interesting fashion note.

Many of the women, she writes, wore the new long black suede gloves trimmed with taffeta-lined suede frills.

And every other woman seemed to have chosen a taffeta frock. The bride wore no jewels; women guests, on the other hand, displayed plenty.

THE HAIR NET
FOR UNTIDY
BACK HAIR"PERM" MAY LOSE
ITS HOLD
The Matronly Look
Coming?

In a short time damsels will be looking like Trollope's maidens or Little Women, with their back hair bundled into a net and their curls constrained to an unnatural tidiness. With the bagging of curls, indeed, perhaps the perm may lose its hold on human affections, and heroines will be able to let their backhair fall down as a delightful surprise should the occasion seem sufficiently pressing.

For the net has come back as a response to the untidy back hair of the last year. There was a time when this was kept in check and was smoothed into place as if it were the back view of a buff Orpington. But since curls have been allowed to blow out to the winds, untidiness has become fashionable, with the inevitable reaction on the part of those who could stand the strain less well than their neighbours.

Hair-nets are not yet made of chemise. Young ladies do not yet affect the matronly look. But it is coming. Hair-nets are made of bright wool, or of gold thread, or of anything that makes a strong contrast with the hair. They are threaded on elastic and are worn over the back hair, the elastic following the line of a child's ribbon tied in a bow on the top.

The next thing is the making of one's own nets. The mesh should be about the size of an ordinary pencil. About twenty-four stitches give the correct size. The net may be bigger in one direction than another. The netting may

SOMETHING NEW
IN FUR CAPESWhite For The
Evening

Women who like black furs as well as black frocks will concentrate on broadtail, sealskin or Persian lamb. Furs in varying shades of brown are equally popular. They afford, perhaps, a wider selection of pelts from which to choose.

Ermine is being worked hard this season. White for the evening, it is dyed a number of lovely shades for day wear.

Broadtail looks well alone, perhaps even better when trimmed with mink.

There is Afghan broadtail for those who cannot afford the Persian variety. Afghan broadtail is slightly less sleek than the more aristocratic fur. But it is good to look at, especially the new brood brown tint.

Full Length Coat
A full length coat of this fur has a collar that can be worn to protect the ears on a really cold day.

Short capes are good to wear indoors on cold evenings. One attractive model, elbow length, has cravat ends in front.

Specimen silver fox skins are used for luxurious day and evening capes. Best of all is a sable wrap, three skins draped in front, four long ones at the back. The owner can adjust it in half a dozen different ways.

be sloped off to make the shape or it may be made into a square and the corners clipped, after being tidily tucked in under the elastic. The change on young heads is amusing. It may of course become as dowdy as the heads of old ladies with Charley's Aunt bandeaux.

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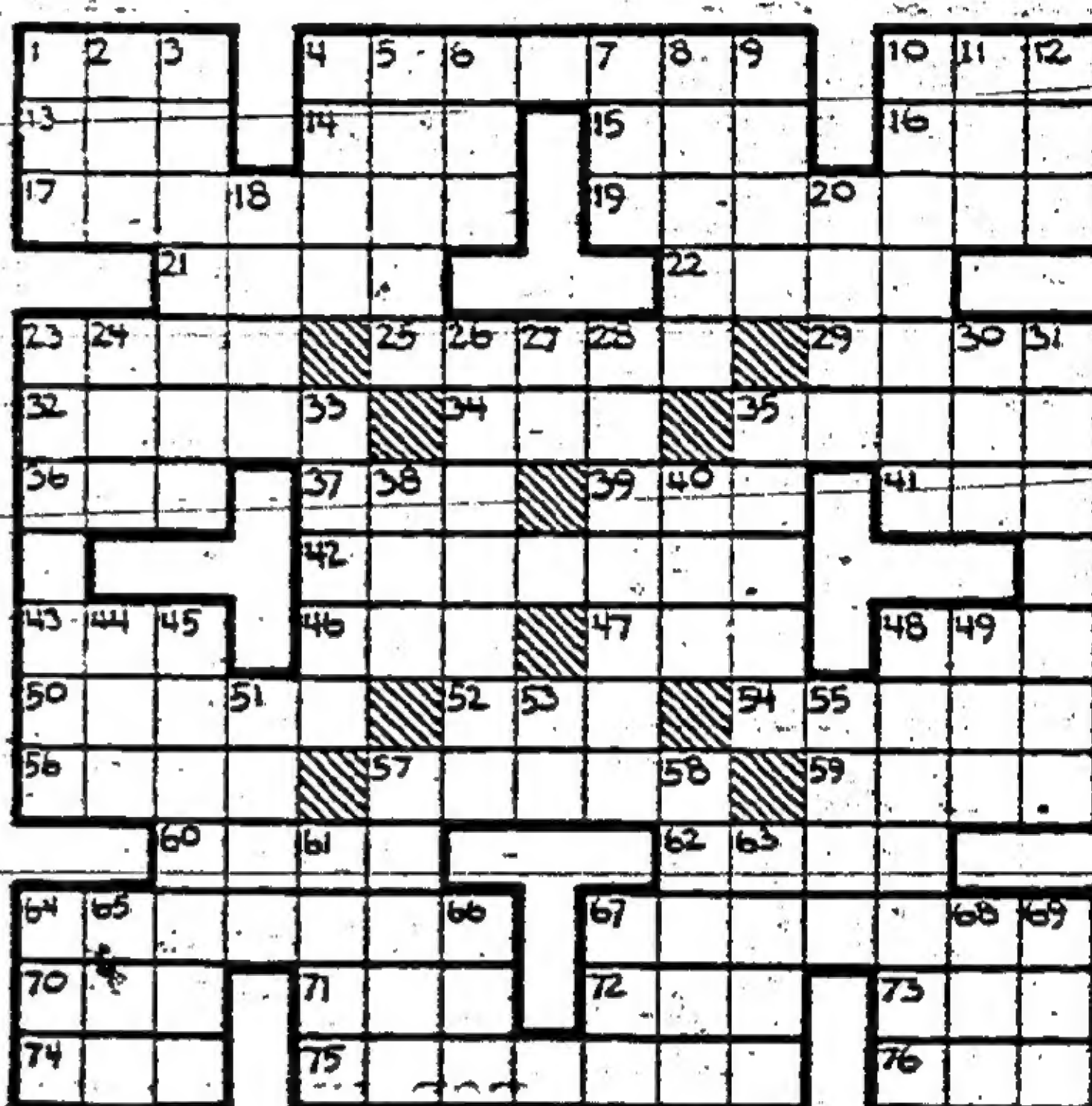
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Residue from a fire
4-Refuge
10-Work at with steadiness
13-Consumed
14-Kind of dog
15-Metric land measure
16-Roe (Scott)
17-Erecting
19-Idle talkers
21-Lease
22-Discharge
23-Part of the leg
25-Waste
26-Peruse
32-Allows for temporary use
34-Girl's name
35-A feather (Ornith.)
36-Unit of work
37-Definite article
38-American poet
41-Boy's name
42-Taped again
43-A church official (abbr.)
46-A beverage
47-Man's name
48-Salt (abbr.)
50-Part of the arm
52-Look
54-Rent
56-To invade suddenly

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

57-Takes possession of by force
58-Tears
60-Efficacy
62-Genuine
64-Antique musical instrument (pl.)
67-Cause
70-A fowl
71-Period of time (abbr.)
72-Foot-like organ
73-Fish eggs
74-Part of Great Britain (abbr.)
75-The emblem of Neptune
76-Station (abbr.)

VERTICAL

1-Swiss river
2-Saints (abbr.)
3-Medical
4-Twirl
5-Searches
6-Inch
7-Strike gently
8-Made a mistake
9-A paper measure
10-Faust
11-Etruscan god
12-Affirmative reply
13-Sever

VERTICAL (Cont.)

20-Fatigue
22-Tail
24-Propose
28-Feminine of poet
29-Comparative suffix
30-Curious scraps of literature
31-Dresses, as on the
32-Dry stalk
35-Foot lever
38-Goddess of death (Norse Myth.)
40-Over (cont.)
41-Note in Guido's scale
45-Awaiting
48-Mariners
49-Serpent
51-Chief of the gods (Norse Myth.)
52-Prefixed, Good
53-Epoch
57-Speak
58-Dress with the back
61-Bird home
63-The Orient
64-Pronoun
65-Enclosure
66-Science (abbr.)
67-A church (abbr.)
68-Used in negation
69-Ocean

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



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Washington.
"I will have to ask for quite a lot more "G-Men" declared the Attorney-General, Mr. Homer Cummings, in an interview here.

UNFOUNDED
REPORTS IN
H.K. PAPERConsular Body In
Canton Upset
NANKING DENIALS

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Canton, To-day.

The Consular body here was relieved yesterday by an official statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nanking stating that there is no truth in the reports published by a prominent Chinese newspaper in Hong Kong announcing the establishment of a foreign affairs section in the Kwangtung Provincial Government in place of the office of the Special Delegate of the Nanking Foreign Office.

Foreign correspondents in Hong Kong cabled the story abroad and it eventually reached the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nanking, which immediately notified Dr. Kan Chia-hou, Special Delegate of Foreign Affairs in Canton, that there is no basis for such a story.

POACHERS AT
EAST PRATASUnder Protection Of
Japanese Gunboats

CANTON AUTHORITIES URGED

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Canton, To-day.

Japanese are reported to be fishing within the marginal waters of the East Pratas Islands, despite the protests of the Chinese authorities, according to Chinese press reports.

Under the protection of their gunboats, these fishermen are also exploring other underwater products. The surrounding waters of East Pratas Islands are said to be full of marine deposits and rich in fishery. Reports of Japanese encroachments came from the Sea Products Administrative Bureau on the main island.

East Pratas Islands are about 250 miles South-east of Hong Kong and are under the jurisdiction of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. The high command here once planned to station a gunboat on permanent patrol of those islands, but there is no ocean-going craft available since the escape of the light cruisers Hai Chi and Hai Shen to the North.

The Sea Products Administrative Bureau is reported to be urging the authorities here to stop the Japanese exploitation.

ENGLISH FORUM

Ending First Year Of
Existence

At a meeting of the Hong Kong English Forum on Tuesday at the Y.M.C.A., it was decided that the club, in fitting commemoration of its first year of existence, should hold a dinner-dance at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on January 17, from 8 to 11 a.m. and others who care to join will be welcome.

Almost a year ago the club was formed for the purpose of getting together in good fellowship. A whole year will have passed in January, 1936, and the members feel that the club was not formed in vain.

Committee members working on the dinner-dance are: J. Brown, Young, Miss S. Arnold, P. Brown, Miss G. Wong, P. Wong, Miss E. Lee, K. S. Cheng, Miss M. Tang, Miss E. Ing, and A. Ho.

The last formal meeting of the club-year 1935 was held at the Y.W.C.A. on December 4. For the

The Attorney-General, who is just back from a trip to Europe to study the methods of Scotland Yard and the Surete Generale, said he would request an increase in the present staff of 600 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when Congress reconvenes in January, and revealed that 200 of the "G-Men" were really accountants and not available for detective work.

Asked whether the staff increase would be a large one, he replied: "I leave that to your imagination. Lots more work has been put upon us recently. The new bank law, for instance, extends protection by the "G-Men" to all banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation."

8-10 New Laws

Mr. Cummings is known to have felt for some time that the Government could not make itself responsible for preventing bank robberies unless it had a much greater staff of detectives at its disposal. He added that he would ask Congress for a series of 8 or 10 new laws to strengthen the Government's legal position against criminals. The laws would affect alibis offered in the courts, the rights of defendants to waive trial by jury, the right of the prosecution to comment on the failure of a defendant to give evidence, and other changes.

The latter reform is directly inspired by the British judicial system.—Reuter.

OPENING OF NEW
PAROCHIAL HALLSt. Teresa's Church.
Ceremony

The Rev. Fr. Maestrini, Pro-Rector of St. Teresa's Church, presided last evening at the opening of the Catholic Parochial Hall and Public Library in the rectory of St. Teresa's Church, when the Very Rev. Fr. Maestrini, S.J., the pro-Rector, presided over the proceedings.

Among those present were: the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Chev. and Mrs. J. M. Alves, Mrs. Mrs. L. D'Almada, Messrs. A. Basto, H. Barnes, L. A. Barton, F. J. Soden, F. Osman, D. Pontana, Campos, Dr. B. Sousa, Rev. Fra. Aimar and Riganti, and Br. Aimar.

Father Maestrini, in a short speech, stressed the need for co-operation between priests and parishioners. He ended by thanking those responsible for the inception of the Hall and Library.

The Very Rev. Fr. Byrne, S.J., then delivered an entertaining and enjoyable address on "One of Our Greatest Needs," that of sane thinking.

The Rev. Fr. Byrne, in the course of his speech, said: "There is one special point which I should like to stress with regard to this library. It claims to be a Catholic library: Catholic in the richest sense of the word, that it will close its shelves to no uplifting presentation of truth. Catholic especially in that it will put at the disposal of any honest enquirer the means of satisfying himself as to what is really the teaching of the Catholic Church."

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, in a short speech which followed, warmly praised the work done for the parish by the Rev. Fr. Maestrini.

Refreshments were served at the close of the proceedings.

Next two months, activities will be on a lighter scale, in keeping with the festive spirit. They include a theatre party on the Tuesday next and a hike to Lion's Rock, Kowloon, on the following Sunday, a tea party on January 5, the first anniversary dinner-dance on the January 17, and a debate with the Chinese Club on the question "Resolved that a University Education is a Necessity to One's Career" at the Y.W.C.A. on January 23, when the Forum club will defend the negative side.—Contributed.



Jack Haley, Ann Sothern and Roger Pryor are in "The Girl Friend," a Columbia picture which is coming shortly to the Alhambra Theatre.

BRIDGE NOTES

PRE-EMPTIVE
BIDS

By Ely Culbertson

As I have said time and again, there is no better way to hamper good opponents than by firing pre-emptive bids at them. When you start off the bidding with three or four of a suit—even a minor—you are taking valuable rounds of bidding away from them and they, with most of the outstanding high card strength, cannot reach their correct final contract.

To-day's hand, which is given as a curiosity more than anything else, might be called the exception that proves the rule. West, by opening with a pre-emptive bid of three diamonds, instead of shutting the opponents out of a game, forced them into a game which actually could have been defeated six tricks. Furthermore, the pre-emptive bid prevented the bidder himself from getting necessary information rather than the opponents, and as a result the opening lead gave the declarer his contract.

East Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH:—
S—9 5
H—A K 10 7
D—7 4 3
C—A K J 6

WEST:—
S—Q 8 4 3
H—8
D—A Q 9 8 5 2
C—Q 10

EAST:—
S—A K 10 7
H—J 6 3 2
D—J 6
C—8 5 3

SOUTH:—
S—J 6 2
H—Q 9 5 4
D—K 10
C—9 7 4 2

The bidding: (Figures, after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)
East South West North
Pass Pass 3D(1) Dbl(2)
Pass 3NT(3) Pass Pass

1—This pre-emptive bid is not recommended, as the diamond suit is too weak. Had West held something like the A Q J x x x in diamonds, I would call the bid justifiable, but with his actual holding it was too risky, even when not vulnerable.

2—A co-operative double, preferring a takeout but permitting a leave-in if partner's hand seems to call for it.

3—South expects from North a strong hand. The suggested King of diamonds looks like a valuable card for notrump purposes. West's three-diamond bid, instead of shutting the opponents out of the bidding, had shut out his

CHINA EMPORIUM

Attractive Christmas
DisplayBIG RANGE OF NOVELTIES
AT MODERATE PRICES

Christmas is drawing near and the yearly thought of what to give to one's friends and relatives is again present. What simpler way to solve this problem than a visit to the China Emporium? Here in this modern, well-stocked store may be found practically all one's needs at prices really commensurate with the times, as the policy of this store is to pass to consumers the benefit of huge purchases at very advantageous prices.

On all sides will be found attractive high quality merchandise in a variety to suit every taste and purse.

For the youngsters there is a department devoted to a huge display of toys of all types to suit children of every age. There are mechanical toys, tootsie toys, baby motor cars, Hornby trains, meccanos, dolls of all sizes, etc. The stationary department is running a ball-guessing contest and the sum of \$400.00 must be won. The only requirement for eligibility is the purchase of a fountain pen. There is also a huge selection of Christmas and New Year cards and buyers are assured of a wide and varied selection.

Gifts for the lady friend are also in great variety and there are perfumes and cosmetics from such famous manufacturers as Dorothy Drey Chanel, Lenthier, Coty and others. There is a beautiful assortment of toilet sets, "flapjacks" and many other dainty articles dear to the heart of every woman. Gifts for the mere man are also in great profusion and there are hats, pullovers, ties and men's jewellery to suit every taste.

For Christmas music the radio department has a nice range of receivers of Zenith, Grunow and other makes and a large shipment of the newest 1936 models of the Zenith line is due by the a.s. President Hoover.

partner. Consequently West opened his fourth best diamond, South won the trick with the King, and played the Ace and King of hearts, so that East's twice-guarded Jack showed up. South could not miss making four club tricks the way the cards were divided. He ran his nine tricks, and then conceded the balance to the opponents.

The way the cards lay a spade opening, followed by a diamond shift from East at some point or other, would have given the defence four spades and six diamond tricks. Furthermore, East and West could have made a contract of four spades, though it would have been difficult to reach, as neither East nor West had anything approximating a sound opening bid. This is one instance in which a pre-emptive bid became a boomerang.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Home-Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.S.)

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7-7.25 p.m.—"Carnival Suite, Op. 9" (Schumann) (arr. for Russian Ballet).
7.25-7.40 p.m.—Songs of the "Sea" sung by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

1. He heard the Great sea calling (Andrews).
2. Devon, O Devon (Stanford).
3. Glory of the Sea (Sanderson).
4. Homeward Bound (Stanford).
7.40-8 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band. Memories of Horatio Nicholls. The Open Road—A Hiking Medley (arr. Debroy Somers).
Ballads we Love Selection (arr. Debroy Somers).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report, Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.05-8.15 p.m.—"Melodies of Robert Burns".

8.15-8.35 p.m.—From the Studio. A Pianoforte Recital by Caroline Braga, F.T.C.I.

9 p.m.—Prelude in D flat (The Raindrop), Op. 28, No. 15 (Chopin).
Scherzo II in B flat minor, Op. 31 (Chopin).
Polonaise in C sharp minor, Op. 26, No. 1 (Chopin).

8.35-9 p.m.—A Relay from Davenport. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.

9.00-9.20 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).
9.20-9.50 p.m.—From the Studio. A 52nd Recital of Gramophone records by The Rev. C.B.E. Sargent.

9.50-10 p.m.—"Viennese Memories of Lehar" (arr. Henry Hall).
10 p.m.—Big Ben; Reuter Press Bulletin.

10.10-11 p.m.—Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

H.K. SINGERS

Rehearsal Next
Tuesday

It is announced that the last rehearsal of the Hong Kong Singers this year will take place at 5.30 p.m. next Tuesday at the Hong Kong Union Church, Kennedy Road. Rehearsals will resume at the same place and time on Tuesday, January 7, 1936. A performance of "Messiah" (Handel) with orchestra will be given early in February 1936. The work is already well in hand and intending members are asked to note that only under exceptional circumstances will singers be allowed to take part who join after January 7. At the performance the choir will number approximately 100 voices.

SPANISH POLITICS

Cabinet Crisis Still
Unsolved

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL.

Madrid, To-day.

The ex-Premier, Don Chapa Prieta, has declined the offer of the President of the Republic to form a new Cabinet, giving as the motive for his refusal the impossibility of such a Government's carrying through the work of financial reconstruction already begun.—Trans-Ocean Service.



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Sporting Page

THIRTEEN SHIELD SOCCER MATCHES FEATURED THIS WEEK

CLUB ONCE AGAIN ALTER THEIR ATTACK

Shield Match With East Lanes.

SWAIN RECOVERS FROM RIB INJURY

The Club and East Lanes have made several changes for their Senior Shield struggle to-morrow on the Club ground, which should produce one of the two most exciting games over the week-end.

Railton, the Junior team skipper, has been brought into the defence and will partner Sid Strange at full-back while Skinner, on the right-flank, and Gamble, on the left, will make reappearances in the intermediate line in support of Farrow, who has been taken out of the attack in order to strengthen the defence.

Fowler, after a week's absence, will return to right-wing, with Hill supporting him on the inside, while Elliott will lead the line, supported on the left by the F. Strange-Bickford partnership.

Swain Playing

The East Lanes will be playing Swain at right-back, in spite of the latter having just been discharged from hospital after a rib injury sustained during the Governor's Cup match last Sunday, when he was carried off on a stretcher.

Tuley returns to the inside-left position in place of Radcliffe, who is probably returning to the junior team.

No Understanding

The Club have made so many changes this season, partly due to injuries and partly due to the whims of the selectors, that there has been very little opportunity for the forwards to display any signs of understanding, with the result that the attack represents five individuals instead of an attacking body.

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JUNIOR SHIELD

The following Clubs have won the Junior Shield during the last 10 years:

- 1925 East Surrey Regiment
- 1926 East Surrey Regiment
- 1927 King's Own Scottish Borderers
- 1928 Chinese Athletic
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- 1930 Chinese Athletic
- 1931 Royal Navy
- 1932 12th Battery, R.A.
- 1933 Royal Navy
- 1934 Royal Navy
- 1935 Royal Engineers

JUNIOR SHIELD TEAMS

The following are the Junior Shield soccer teams for the week-end:

- Royal Engineers: Sellick, Slack and Wilford; Coleman, Sims, and Dorell; Callard, Boyling, Darby, Howlett, and Greagh.
- Recreio: A. Demme; W. Maher and G. Fernandes; R. Laurel, C. Figueirodo and J. Pereira; J. Souza, L. Castilho, E. Campos, J. Figueirodo and J. Alves.
- Club: Stirling; Millington and Stevens; Duncan, Milne and Caplan; G. Fowler, E. Fowler, Bell, Fisher and McKellar.
- Air Force: Fogg; Brewer and Macdonald; Murray, Solis, Smith, Docherty and Ewart.
- Kowloon: Minihetti; Willis and Foxman; Tynall, Stewart, and Tillery; Humphreys, Harris, Cutler, Bones and Pereira.
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English, above, last season's First Division right-winger for the Lincolns, is now playing with the juniors.

ATHLETIC TO MEET RECREIO IN SHIELD TIE

CAMPOS RETURNS TO OLD TEAM

CHINESE TURN OUT BEST SIDE

The Chinese Athletic and Recreio should provide some very interesting football when they meet in the First Round of the Junior Shield to-morrow.

A Demme will be in goal for the Recreio, in place of Fernandes, who cannot play owing to business pressure, while W. Maher and G. Fernandes, both of whom have played in the first team, will be the backs.

G. Figueirodo, who has been with the seniors for the last two weeks, will be in the pivot position.

Chinese Police To Lose

J. Alves, the former senior left-winger, will be playing on the left-wing, while E. Campos, who has been transferred to the Liga, has now returned to Recreio and his presence in the team should add that zest in the forward line which has been missing for the past few weeks.

The Chinese Athletic are also fielding their best team with Tan Kong-ming and Yeung Kan-po, in the forward line. Li Kwok-ki will be in goal, while the rest of the team is unchanged.

LIGA MAKE THEIR JUNIOR SHIELD DEBUT

CLUB JUNIORS MISS RAILTON

STRONG PORTUGUESE TEAM

The Liga Portuguesa will make their debut in the Junior Shield competition to-morrow, when they meet the Club in the First Round.

H. Campos, originally of the Recreio, has now been re-transferred to his old Club, but the Liga hope to obtain the services of R. Ribeiro, of St. Joseph's juniors.

The team selected, however, is a good one. A. Quinn, in goal, and Gomes and Lawrence all have had experience in the First Division, while the forwards are a very fast set. H. Souza, the centre-forward, is another old First Division player.

Good Forwards

The Club will be without the services of Railton, who will be playing for the seniors. Milne, however, will be in the pivotal position supported by Duncan and Caplan, and they should be able to hold the fast Portuguese forwards.

The Club forward line is also well selected. Bell and Fisher have speed and can shoot, while the Fowler brothers and McKellar, on the left-wing, should give them all the necessary help.

KOWLOON DROP OPPENHEIM FOR SHIELD MATCH

HONNIBALL TAKES HIS PLACE

FUSILIERS UNCHANGED, BUT FAVOURED TO WIN

The Senior Shield meeting between Kowloon and the Fusiliers will be in the nature of a return match, only this time it will have the Cup-tie atmosphere which is usually to be found in Shield encounters.

The last time these two teams met the Fusiliers won by the narrowest possible margin, so that indications are that this game will be closely contested. While Kowloon are making a few changes in their line-up, the soldiers are depending on the same team that did duty for them when they beat the Navy in the closing stages of their game last week.

For Kowloon, Honniball, who played in the second team earlier in the season, is again included this week, probably due to the fact that he played a good game for them last week against South China "B," when he sent D. Knox two beautiful passes which resulted in two goals.

Oppenheim Dropped

L. Oppenheim has been dropped in favour of G. Winch, who is considered one of the best players in the junior team, but the rest of the team is unchanged. The inclusion of two players from the reserves should result in a faster forward line, and against a team like the Fusiliers this may make all the difference.

Talbot, the Fusilier pivot, will do well to keep an eye on D. Knox, as the Kowloon leader has a habit of taking first-time shots at the goal when anywhere within shooting range.

Fusilier Danger

So far as the forward line is concerned, Cockley, at centre-forward, and Harrison and Roberts, on the right-wing, will probably give the Kowloon defence plenty to worry about.

On the whole the match ought to produce some really interesting football with the odds slightly in favour of the Fusiliers.

LOCAL BADMINTON LEAGUE

Three Mixed Doubles Ties For To-night

Three games in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League are down for decision to-night. The clash between St. Andrew's and the Fire Brigade should provide some very interesting play, while Recreio "A" should beat the Sailors' Home and the C.B.C. should experience no difficulty against Tai-koo.

JUNIOR SHIELD GAMES

EASTERN ALL OUT TO WIN

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMME

The four Junior Shield games down for decision on Sunday should provide some very interesting struggles, the most outstanding being the clash between South China and Eastern Athletic.

The latter will be all out to prove their worth to the Association, in order to substantiate their application for admission to the Senior league next season. They have secured A. M. Omar from the Radio, and another player from the Athletic.

Unfortunately for South China, Chan Tak-fai and Ng Po-ki are on the injured list, while Yu Wah-hing is also a doubtful starter. For this reason the Eastern have a good chance of entering the next round.

Chinese Police To Lose

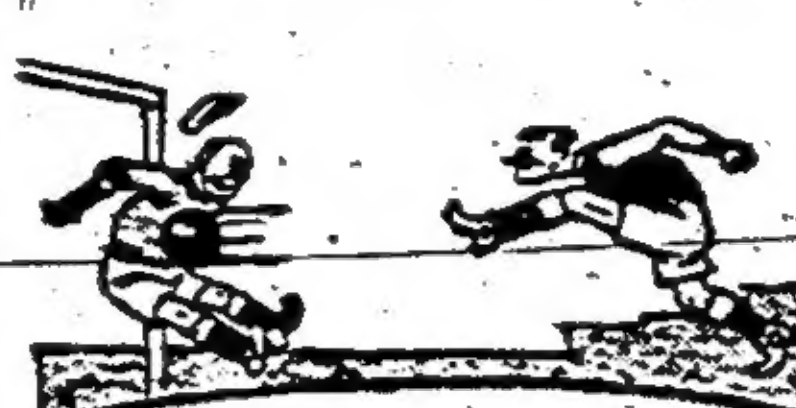
The East Lanes should experience no difficulty in eliminating the Chinese Police, who, though good in the Third Division, are not in the same class as their opponents.

The Fusiliers and Lincolns should both win, though the former will probably be fully represented by the R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.

Tang Kwan, above, a South China player, has not been seen in local football this season.



Andy Duncan, the Club and Interport wing-half, returned from Home leave yesterday and will probably be seen on the football field soon.



ROVER'S FORECAST

The following is the forecast for the week-end fixtures, giving the favoured team in capital letters:

TO-MORROW

SENIOR SHIELD
S. CHINA "B" v Lincolns
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
FUSILIERS v Kowloon
(Sookimpoo, 4.00 p.m.)
Club v EAST LANES
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v RECREIO
(Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
JUNIOR SHIELD
Air Force v ENGINEERS
(Sookimpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Navy v Kowloon
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Club v LIGA
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
ATHLETIC v PORTUGUESA
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

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Athletic v S. CHINA "A"
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
JUNIOR SHIELD
Medicals v LINCOLNS
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Chinese Police v EAST LANES
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
SOUTH CHINA v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
FUSILIERS v R.A.O.C. & R.A.S.C.
(Sookimpoo, 4 p.m.)

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NAVY SHOULD BEAT KOWLOON IN JUNIOR MATCH

SAILORS' TEAM UNCHANGED

CUTLER HEADING MAINLAND ATTACK

The Navy should have no difficulty in entering the Second round of the Junior Shield when they encounter the Kowloon Football Club to-morrow.

The Navy, who have always been the strongest contenders for the Junior Shield, are making no changes from last week's team.

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Ho As Leader

Ho Kar-keung, the former Athletic leader, will make his first Shield appearance for the South China team, and, with several years of experience behind him, should prove an invaluable acquisition.

The Lincolns have barely a month to go before they leave the Colony for India, and they are making a strong bid to enter the Second Round, in which the Ulster Rifles, their relief, will participate, should they succeed.

Mark The Occasion

With Ridley and Baldry playing at the top of their form, the Lincolns have a very good chance of fulfilling their hopes, but even this partnership cannot pull the whole team through. This will be their last appearance in the Colony, and it will not be surprising if they mark the occasion by meeting South China "B" at home and away, to end their home and away record.

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NEW RULING WHICH MUST BE OBEYED

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS ARE FAVOURITES

HOLDERS' TASK AGAINST LINCOLNS

(By "Rover")

A VERY fine soccer programme of Senior and Junior First Round Shield matches is scheduled to take place to-morrow and on Sunday, the most important encounter taking place on the latter date, when the League champions, South China "A," who have hitherto remained undefeated both at home and away, meet the Chinese Athletic.

South China "B," who caused a sensation last season by easily defeating the Police in the Final Round, will meet the Lincolns in the soldiers' last game in the Colony and a grand struggle is anticipated. The Club, who also caused a major upset last season by defeating South China "A" in the Second Round, will meet the East Lanes, but are not favoured to win.

In the other encounters, the Fusiliers should win against Kowloon, while the Recreio should perform similarly against the Saints. The Royal Engineers, holders of the Junior Shield, will encounter the Air Force to-morrow, and should experience no difficulty in entering the Second Round.

GOOD SOCCER ENCOUNTER FOR CHATHAM ROAD

Recreio Changes For Shield Match

SAINTS' TEAM UNALTERED

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The Navy, who have always been the strongest contenders for the Junior Shield, are making no changes from last week's team.

Ho As Leader

Ho Kar-keung, the former Athletic leader, will make his first Shield appearance for the South China team, and, with several years of experience behind him, should prove an invaluable acquisition.

The Lincolns have barely a month to go before they leave the Colony for India, and they are making a strong bid to enter the Second Round, in which the Ulster Rifles, their relief, will participate, should they succeed.

Mark The Occasion

With Ridley and Baldry playing at the top of their form, the Lincolns have a very good chance of fulfilling their hopes, but even this partnership cannot pull the whole team through. This will be their last appearance in the Colony, and it will not be surprising if they mark the occasion by meeting South China "B" at home and away, to end their home and away record.

Tang Kwan, above, a South China player, has not been seen in local football this season.

South China "B" will meet the Lincolns in the First Round of the Junior Shield to-morrow.

South China "A" will meet the Lincolns in the Second Round of the Junior Shield to-morrow.

South China "B" will meet the Lincolns in the First Round of the Junior Shield to-morrow.



George Tsang, above, former captain of the South China "B" team, may not be playing against the Lincolns to-morrow.

JUNIOR SHIELD HOLDERS TO MEET AIRMEN

SMITH TO LEAD R.A.F. ATTACK

FIRST AND SELLECK IN FORM

The Royal Engineers, holders of the Junior Shield, will meet the Air Force in the First Round in a game which should be very keenly contested. The former have not displayed the same form as at the end of last season, though they have won some hard games while the Air Force have figured with varying success in the Third Division.

The Engineers will be relying very much on the team which held the East Lanes to a draw a fortnight ago.

They have a very good forward line, ably led by Darby, Howlett, at inside-left, and Greagh, on the wing, are very good and it is from these three that most of the danger is expected.

Boyling, who has been with the juniors for some time, was a passenger last week owing to injuries received early in the game, but he has now recovered and should, with Callard, give the Air Force defence a lot of trouble.

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SHIELD HOLDERS AND LINCOLNS IN LAST ENCOUNTER

SOUTH CHINA "B" IN DIFFICULTIES

RIGHT-HALF POSITION YET TO BE FILLED

SENIOR SHIELD

The following Clubs have won the Senior Shield during the last 10 years:

- 1925 Kowloon Football Club
- 1926 Kowloon Football Club
- 1927 King's Own Scottish Borderers
- 1928 Kowloon Football Club
- 1929 South China
- 1930 Somerset Light Infantry
- 1931 South China
- 1932 South Wales Borderers
- 1933 South China
- 1934 South Wales Borderers
- 1935 South China "B"

SENIOR SHIELD TEAMS

The following are the Senior Shield soccer teams for the week-end:

- Recreio: E. Marques; A. V. Gozano and J. Bowen; N. Delgado, N. Beltrao and V. Marques; C. Marques, B. Gozano, J. Gomes and A. Alves.
- Club: Rodgers; Railton; and Strange; Skinner, Farrow, and Gamble; Fowler, Hill, Elliot, E. Strange and Bickford.
- East Lanes: Harmsworth; Swain, Steele; Smith, Lawton and Eckert; Mather, Sandford, Gorman, Tuley and Biddings.
- St. Joseph's: U. B. Souza; L. Souza and V. Costa; L. Woon, Sinclair and F. Elms; Victor, Ward, Leonard, Hussein and Fernandez.
- Kowloon: Boyes; Eastman; and Everett; G. White, Elms and Boyd; W. Kwan, V. White, D. Knox, Winch and Honniball.
- Fusiliers: Bowlands; Wheeler and Keating; Tucker, Talbot and Winklyn; Hughes, Harrison, Cockley, Evans and Roberts.
- Lincolns: Reed; Moody, Edmundson; Thompson, Deeming, Robson; Clayton, Malpas, Higgins, Ridley and Baldry.
- Athletic: Sai Tim-lin; Mak Sui-son and Fu Ka-ching; Ho Ching-yin; Tang, Ah-fai, and Wang Wing-ho; Wong Chee-man, Tang Kwong-sun, Au Ping-ming, Yeung Kan-po and Chan Hong-ting.
- South China "B": Fan Ka-king; Leung In-cho and Lee Kary; A. N. Other; Lam Tak-po, Henry Young; Yeung Shun-yick; Lai Shui-wing; Ho Kar-keung; and others.

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CHAMPIONS DAY AT THE VALLEY TO-MORROW CAN VIXEN TOR BEAT ABLE AMAZON?

GLADIATOR'S CHALLENGE TO KING'S WARDEN

BLACKSMITH AND RACING BOY
AS DOUBLE COMBINE

(By "Rapier")

THE final Extra Race Meeting of the season, to be held to-morrow at the Valley, will be featured by three Champions races which will be noteworthy for the absence of Liberty Bay and Trentbridge. There is a possibility that Able Amazon will not be barred from the betting so that if this "certainty" is beaten a high dividend should be declared, but the question is, can Vixen Tor do it?

For the Hong Kong Autumn Champions the probable starters are King's Warden (Mr. Rozz), Gladiator (Mr. Frost), Soldier of Britain (Mr. Deitz), King's Justice (Mr. Harriman), Macaroni (Mr. Fung) and Cossack's Beauty (Mr. Liang), and a keen race is expected between King's Warden, Gladiator and Cossack's Beauty. On present form it looks as though the first named will win by a narrow margin if the pony is kept straight in the run home, but we have seen Gladiator win a fast race under Mr. Frost, and he is certainly the dangerous one here. Soldier of Britain is definitely in the first class standard, while Cossack's Beauty may once more put up one of his powerful finishes and upset calculations. My selections for this race are King's Warden, Gladiator and Soldier of Britain.

It will be interesting to note that King's Justice will be running under Mr. G. A. Harriman's colours as this gallant pony has just been sold to him.

The probable starters for the Queensland Autumn Champions are Able Amazon (Mr. Frost), Vixen Tor (Mr. Ralph), Bag Tor (Mr. Proulx), Racing Heart (Mr. Black), Shooting Star (Mr. Deitz), Snowy River (Mr. Butler), Cold Morning (Mr. Davis) and Night Star (Mr. Fung).

But for the fact that Able Amazon is starting, this race would undoubtedly be the best Champions race for a long time, as the rest of the field are so evenly matched that it would be extremely difficult to pick the winner.

Able Amazon should win but with such fine ponies in the race she will probably be forced to lower her own record in order to do so. The second and third positions will likely be taken by Vixen Tor and Bag Tor, but they will be strongly challenged by Racing Heart and Cold Morning. If Vixen Tor can manage to enter the straight together with Able Amazon, then there is every possibility of Mrs. Tinson's second candidate administering defeat to Able Amazon, thus enabling her to "rub shoulders" with her stable companion, Bag Tor.

Wadebridge Favourites

Wadebridge should win the Hong Kong Autumn Sub-Griffins Champion in a canter. He is outstanding and is quoted at 3 to 1 on at present. The second and third positions will probably be filled by Valley View and Double Chance. I cannot see anything to frighten Wadebridge this time.

The Tiger (Mr. Frost), Soldier of China (Mr. Black), Harvest View (Mr. Fung), King's Fancy (Mr. Proulx) and Soldier of Germany (Mr. Black) will be the main runners in the December Handicap (One Mile) for B Class ponies. King's Fancy has been allotted top-weight, and this might prove too much for him over a mile. This is The Tiger's best distance and with his old pilot aboard he should just about win from Soldier of China and Harvest View. Monoplane is barred after his win in Macao and though Soldier of Germany is very fit, he has a tendency to "chuck it" too frequently to be considered a winner here.

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ALL BLACKS WIN AT ABERDARE

Newport Defeat
Light Blues

London, To-day.

The New Zealand rugby tourists continued in winning vein yesterday when they trounced the Midland District at Aberdare by 31 points to 10.

Newport were in very fine form yesterday against Cambridge and won by 22 points to 3. Reuter.



Rapier's Selections

RACE 1

THE TIGER
SOLDIER OF CHINA
HARVEST VIEW

RACE 2

ABLE AMAZON
VIXEN TOR
BAG TOR

RACE 3

TILLICUM
FESTIVAL EVE
PARTNERSHIP

RACE 4

KING'S WARDEN
GLADIATOR
SOLDIER OF BRITAIN

RACE 5

BLACKSMITH
FORGE MASTER
LOCKSLEY HALL

RACE 6

WADEBRIDGE
VALLEY VIEW
DOUBLE CHANCE

RACE 7

RACING BOY
VALEROUS
ZERO

RACE 8

AUSTRALIAN BOY
ALACRITY
HALCYON

Double-Blacksmith and
Racing Boy

FRIENDLY HOCKEY

Services Team Lose To H.K.S.R.A.

The Combined Services hockey team received an unexpected setback yesterday when they were defeated by the 2nd Mountain Battery, H.K.S.R.A. in a friendly match by 3 goals to 1. Charan Singh, Aya Singh and Lt. P. de N. Ramms scored for the Battery, while Pte. Taylor netted for the Combined Services.

CLUB HOCKEY TEAM FOR TO-DAY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club seconds against the "Invincibles" on the Club ground at 5 p.m. to-day: Van der Waal, A. A. R. Botelho and R. H. D. Lane, A. Tate, E. G. Dale and K. E. Cotter, E. R. A. Wood, L. D. Kibbe, P. H. Smith, A. J. Smith and A. G. Allen.



Mr. Gilbert A. Harriman, above, will be riding King's Justice, which he recently purchased, at to-morrow's race meeting.



C.B.A. LADIES' SECOND STRING'S HOCKEY SUCCESS

Schoolgirls Lose In Seven-A-Side

MISS PETERS PLAYS FINE GAME

A very scrappy Ladies' Junior Seven-A-Side hockey game was witnessed on the Central British Association ground yesterday, when the C.B.A. Ladies' second string beat the Central British Schoolgirls by 2 goals to 1 after extra time had been called for.

Miss Best was the pick of the two C.B.A. backs and hit very hard, while Miss Moss was outstanding in the intermediate line. Miss Peters was the pick of the forwards and supplied both the passes which resulted in goals by Miss Hunt and Miss Rousseau.

School Defence Shine

The Schoolgirls were best served in defence where Miss McCaw and Miss Fraser rendered yeoman service. Their forwards were never up with the ball and the wingers invariably over-ran themselves.

After a goalless first-half, Miss Hunt opened the scoring after a good run down the left-wing, and not long after Miss Rousseau added their second. Just before the final whistle, Miss Stringer netted the schoolgirls' only goal.

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss F. Best, Miss B. Hunt, Miss P. Everest and Miss D. Moss; Miss L. Rousseau, Miss O. Peters and Miss D. Hunt.

C.B.S.:—Miss M. Fraser, Miss D. McCaw, Miss D. Lamont and Miss M. Bell; Miss M. Booker, Miss P. Baxter and Miss P. Stringer.

7-A-SIDE CHAMPIONS EXTENDED

RECREIO'S UNEXPECTED RESISTANCE

MISS S. DALZIEL SCORES ONLY GOAL

SO well did the Recreio "A" acquit themselves that extra time had to be played before the "Y" Ladies beat them in their Senior Seven-A-side hockey tournament match at King's Park last evening. Miss S. Dalziel scored the goal for the winners, but full marks must be given to Miss J. Adey, who broke through in fine style and passed to Miss S. Dalziel who made no mistake with the shot.

The game was very fast throughout and opened with the Recreio attacking. That, however, was only a flash in the pan for Miss Fowler cleared in fine style and passed to Miss O. Dalziel, who brought the ball down to the other end of the field. She passed to Miss Adey who scored, but the latter had the misfortune to be ruled off-side.

For the rest of the first-half play was very even with the result that when the whistle sounded for half-time the score sheet was still blank. The second half started with the "Y" pressing, but Miss Osmund made a very safe full-back and cleared time and again when a goal appeared imminent. The Recreio Ladies came very near to scoring on two occasions, but Miss C. Silva threw away both chances, although she had only Miss Fowler to beat.

Full time came with the score sheet still blank so that the teams had to play extra time. For the first few minutes the Recreio pressed very strongly, but the "Y" defence was not to be beaten. Mrs. Brown was very prominent at this stage, her spilling being particularly good.

Miss Adey's Effort

The end came when, following a bout of mid-field play, Miss Adey took possession of the ball and broke through the Recreio defence in fine style. She might have crowned her effort with a goal, but showed unselfishness when she passed to Miss S. Dalziel who made no mistake with the shot.

"Y" Ladies:—Miss A. Fowler, Mrs. Brown, Miss E. Thomson, Mrs. Henry, Miss O. Dalziel, Miss J. Adey and Miss S. Dalziel.
Recreio "A":—Miss C. Osmund, Miss O. Botelho, Miss E. Xavier, Miss M. Alves, Miss C. Botelho, Miss C. Silva, and Miss A. Alves.

NOMADS' HOCKEY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Nomads in a friendly game against the Club second string at King's Park to-day, commencing at 4.30 p.m.:—E. C. Reed, A. Eca da Silva, A. N. Another, A. Xavier, E. J. Reed, S. Souza, E. V. Silva, F. O. Reed, S. A. Reed, L. Souza and J. Souza.

FOX RECOVERS HIS WHIP

Race Fan Answers Appeal

(By "FAIR FIELD")

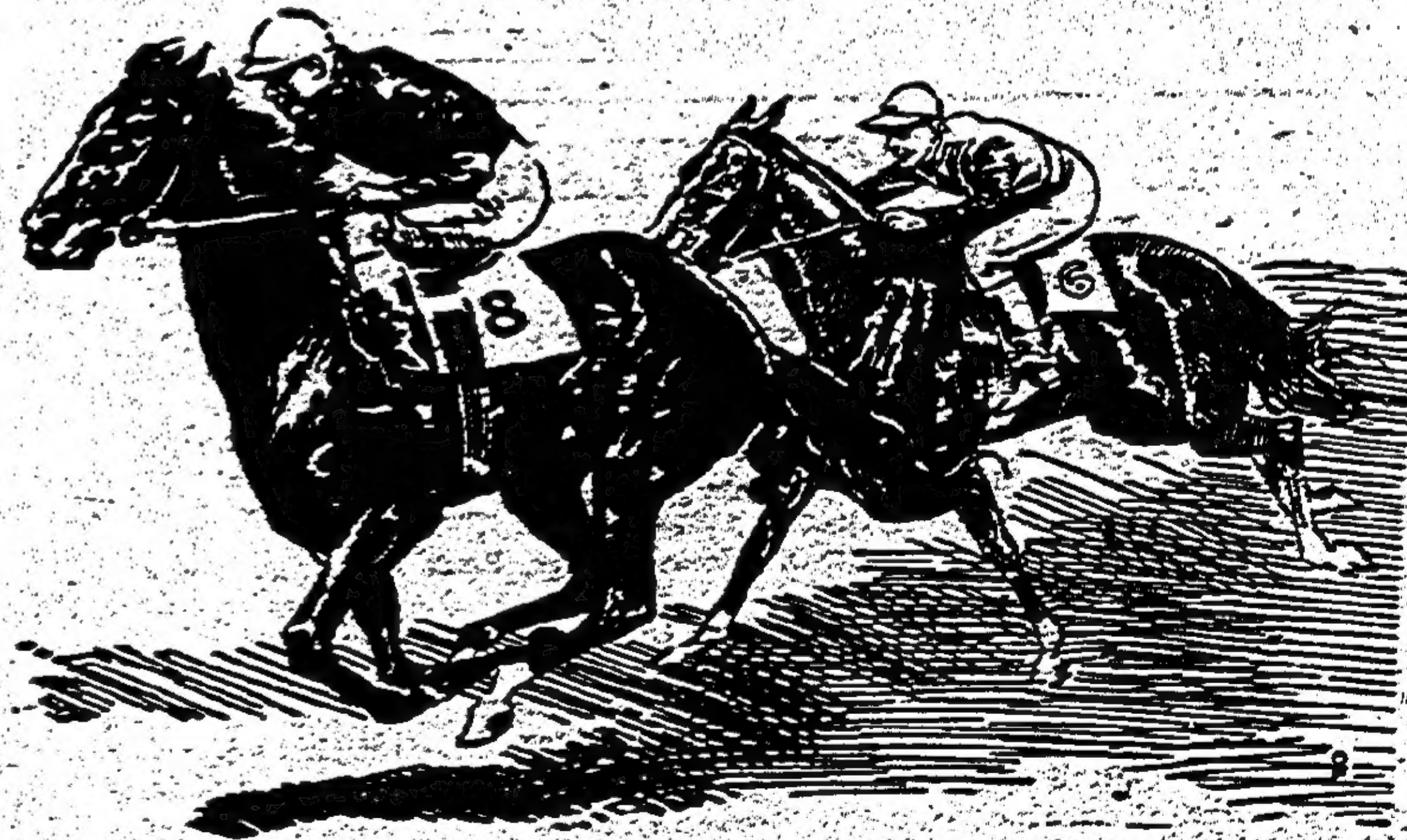
London, November 13.
A parcel reached the home of Freddie Fox, the well-known jockey, yesterday morning. In it was the whip, which Fox lost when he fractured his skull in a fall at Doncaster races on September 10.

Fox recently made an appeal for its return. It was answered by a "Merborough" racegoer, who explained, when returning the whip, that he had picked it up on the course after Fox's fall and had intended to keep it as a souvenir.

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His Excellency Takes Over

Everyone who heard His Excellency's speech in reply to the address of welcome which was read in English by the Honorable Sir Henry Pollock, and in Chinese by the Honorable Sir Shouson Chow, began to feel that confidence in our new Governor which is the first essential of a successful regime. His Excellency said that his primary feeling was one of ignorance, which he would make it his business in the next few weeks to remove by looking through the files. The ignorance can however be only of local affairs, of which only those who have to deal with them personally can expect to have any acquaintance. Our trouble is that we are the victims of forces over which we have no control—or at any rate the private citizen has no control, and that the prosperity both of the public finances and/or private business on which they depend, is being destroyed by policies of other Governments that may be amenable to reason if tactfully and firmly pressed. Our present record is simply that we have passively submitted, and eventually followed after an uncomfortable interval, interferences with business based on an itch to interfere with trade which has often been malevolent, but which even if benevolent has been equally disastrous.

We are now free to use the Exchange Fund to avoid the distressing habit of looking at the top of the front page first every day to see what our money is worth, and so long as the rate is based on the balance of payments it must coincide with the requirements of commerce. One might have expected that the experience of London, with a standard based on gold in the absence of any international agreement to use gold for the purpose of the exchange of goods, might have been a warning of what was likely to happen when the same sort of politicians and financiers began to play about with silver, and that we might have anticipated the event. The fact is that a great deal of nonsense is talked about speculators. It is to be taken for granted that there will always be a number of people who will take advantage of any method of making money that is within the law. If a currency is at a natural level anyone who buys more than he needs or sells more than he has got will simply lose his money, or some of it. If the standard coin is overvalued or undervalued the "insiders" in the market will profit by the loss of the less well informed. It is as much the duty of the Government to protect the ordinary public by a sound system of money as it is to protect them from fraud by a sound system of law.

A very good illustration of the absurdity of much comment on the silver market collapse, and the confusion of thought involved, is the remark made as an explanation of the cessation of American buying. It is stated that the cause is that it was found that "China was selling silver in order to steady the yuan." For what other reason would the sales be made? The nominal object of the policy of Mr. Morgenthau was to stabilize the Chinese money at a higher rate in the interest of Chinese importations, which it was taken for

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

FORT BLUNDER

AFTER the War of 1812, the United States decided to fortify the Canadian frontier on Lake Champlain against a Canadian invasion. A redoubtable stone structure was erected on an island in the Richelieu River at Bow's Point. It was almost completed when, in 1818, an International Boundary Commission discovered that the new American Fort was standing on Canadian soil. Work was stopped, and the matter of this "Fort Blunder" was held in abeyance until the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842. In this treaty, Great Britain generously consented to change the frontier line so as to restore the site of Fort Blunder to American sovereignty.

The idea of any possible hostility between the United States and Canada is now entirely unthinkable.

The Longest Story

In 1915, Adele Garrison, newspaper syndicate writer, started a serial story on the married life of Richard and Madge Graham, which has been published since that time continuously, six days a week. The story so far includes thirteen complete novels with a succession of titles. Each novel presents a complete plot and reaches a conclusion, while its successor goes on to the next plot, all in chronological order in the lives of these principal characters, their relatives and intimates. The fourteenth title, now being published, is "Married Comrades."

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Richard David Tidy, Surveyor, of Hankow Road, and Doris Alice Beck, of No. 35 Ashley Road, Kowloon. The forthcoming marriage between John William Winfield, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, and Freda Ecome Wimmel, of No. 103 Taipo Road.

granted would be in the interests of American exports. The result was to deprive China of the necessary gold dollars because at the high rate it was impossible to get credits in gold dollars by means of exports, partly because the cost of wages was raised to a point at which it was not possible both to pay Customs duties and to sell at an acceptable price. The root mistake was the idea that the American Senate or the Treasury knew what rate of silver would suit the trade better than the market itself knew by the process of dealing in the commodities. Here in Hong Kong we depend for prosperity on a natural rate of value for our money, which will be self-adjusting, subject to a moderate adjustment of the daily price which will rule out daily variations, and this can be secured not only with effect but with profit by means of the Exchange Fund. Had the Fund been in operation the last three years the only financial problem would have been how to use the profits.

Looking ahead one can see that as the cornering and hoarding of gold and silver has now driven almost the whole of the world off the use of a metal basis, the United States itself will become an advocate of an international standard. If France were driven off, that proposal would be made immediately. There will then be the usual outcry against Great Britain of a selfish policy in considering the requirements of its own finance, and the Crown Colonies will be brought into the argument. It would be fatal to accept any proposal that is likely to be made at present. It will take some time before the results of these years of confusion can be wiped away. No doubt it will be necessary to watch the Chinese dollar as well as the other coins, but we will do well to retain the freedom we have now gained for a good long time to come, and there is no reason why any losses of the public should not be to the State instead of to private financiers.

Three cases of diphtheria were reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended on Wednesday.

Here There and Everywhere.

A SERIOUS COMEDIAN

Drummed, the French comedian who died recently, was, like so many men of his type of all nationalities, a rather serious person in private life. At one time he wanted also to be serious in his professional life and approached Lucien Guitry, but without success.

His true ambition, never realised, was to be a lawyer, and he is said to have known the French Penal code by heart.

His aptitude for cabaret work Drumen learned in the "best" of schools—that of Aristide Bruant, and he was to be seen at that little bottle in the Boulevard Clichy long after Bruant died.

He was versatile in revue, and visited London with the Ba-tan company which had a season at the Winter Garden Theatre a good many years ago.

NAVAL PETS

The announcement that H.M.S. Excellent requires a bear for its menagerie may sound odd to landmen. The fact is that H.M.S. Excellent is the name given to the Naval Gunnery School on Whale Island, off Portsmouth. The school also has an aviary.

Warships, however, often carry single animals as mascots. There was a famous bear kept on board a ship of the Grand Fleet during the war; and the Valiant now has a superb Great Dane.

When in Australian waters some years ago, the Drake carried an emu and a kangaroo. The emu is now on Whale Island.

Your Daily Smile!

Polite
The history teacher was becoming impatient at the poorly prepared lesson. "If there is anyone in this room who doesn't know anything, please stand," he shouted.
Ben, an unusually polite boy, and a good student, stood.
"Do you mean that you don't know anything?" asked the surprised instructor.
"Oh, no," replied the boy. "I didn't think it was polite to let you be the only one standing."

The Wrong Waiter
"Why don't you make your fiction true to life?"
"I try to, sir."
"See here, you say: 'It was the night of the Junior Prom. He walked up to the sorority house. She looked as beautiful as a rose leaf as she sat waiting for him.'"

ENGLAND'S GREAT ORGANISER

LORD TRENCHARD IN WAR AND PEACE

BRILLIANT WORK PERFORMED FOR HIS COUNTRY

(By George Fife)

AT the age of sixty-two Lord Trenchard has qualified for course. There was a storm of protest over this loss of a man who had directed the whole of our air effort; his disappearance was regarded as a national calamity. In his place Sir Frederick Sykes was appointed.

Way Out

Lord Trenchard prepared for work in another capacity. He asked for the command of an infantry division, or even a brigade. The Government refused his request; his services must be retained for the air.

It was suggested that he should take the air command in France. He loyally refused to displace Sir John Salmond. He was offered his old post as Chief of Staff, under the command of a new Air Minister. He declined to displace Sir Frederick Sykes.

Then a way out was found. He went to France to take charge of a quite new organisation—the Independent Air Force. His genius asserted itself immediately. Under his orders long-distance bombing was developed against German centres of importance. The victims clamoured so much for protection that the German High Command found themselves compelled to recall at least 20 squadrons from the Western front, where they were badly needed, and to immobilise a large number of ground troops.

Magic Personality

Lord Trenchard happily possesses what Lord Brenchford described as "a magic personality." He has a high sense of duty and dogged determination, and all who have served under him recognise his efficiency, self-discipline and thoroughness.

He carries out his duty regardless of the consequences, whether to himself or anybody else. The power he wields may inspire fear, but to an extraordinary extent it can call forth devotion. Over and over again this was demonstrated during the war. He has never been content to demand discipline only from subordinates. He demands it from himself, when he has set his course nothing can move him from it.

At a very critical period of the war, early in 1918, he caused a first-class sensation by resigning his position as Chief of the Air Staff. His view of his duties did not coincide with that of the then Air Minister, and he felt

British Successes

The British success became so marked that it was decided to form a great inter-Allied bombing force, of which Lord Trenchard was to have unfettered control. Arrangements went forward for the formation of no fewer than 48 squadrons. At top speed he prepared his plans for the big extension of activity. He had just completed them when a message arrived from Marshal Foch requesting his attendance.

Trenchard, gathering his plans and maps, hurried off to headquarters. When he got there it was to find that the German emissaries, suing for peace, were due in two hours. It was the end of the war.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

P.K. REGISTER IS A ROOM CLERK AT THE HOTEL HENRY JACKSON, Jacksonville, Fla.

VIRGINIA
NORTHWEST, Virginia, IS IN THE SOUTH OF VIRGINIA

2 WHITE RADISHES AND ONE RED RADISH GROWN IN THE SAME STEW

When LADIE COSTELLOE THE TONGUE OF DULON, Moulton, Bought 1000 lbs. OF PORK FOR ONE

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Ann Sothern and Jack Haley play the principal parts in the Columbia picture "The Girl Friend," which will be screened at the Alhambra Theatre shortly.

SHORT SHOTS

It is almost definite that there will be no film made of "Romeo and Juliet." Irving Thalberg is nervous of allowing his wife (Norma Shearer) to appear in what may prove to be a " flop." Anyhow, they had not yet chosen a "Romeo," although many of the best leading men in Hollywood had been tested.

Herbert Mundin is deserting Hollywood for a time, and will appear in a play on Broadway.

As Randolph Scott made such a success with Margaret Sullivan in "So Red The Rose," he has been given a new Paramount contract and the leading part in "The Copperhead."

Gladys Swarthout and Mary Ellis, the two famous singing actresses, will appear together in a Paramount film "Tear and Musician."

Jack Buchanan will appear as "Sir Perry Blakeney" in a film version of the "Triumph of the Scarlet Pimpernel," with Herbert Wilcox directing.

Michael "Bartlett," who recently finished an important role with Claudette Colbert in "She Married Her Boss," will appear with Grace Moore again in "Cissy."

James Cagney and Ruby Keeler are to be teamed in a picture titled "Sagebrush."

It causes no regret to hear that Paramount have wisely withdrawn from circulation the worst Marlene



In the face of bigotry and scorn, Rochelle Hudson fights for love and happiness in "Way Down East," the Fox picture which is coming to the Alhambra Theatre soon.

Dietrich-von Sternberg picture ever made, "The Devil is a Woman." The excuse is that Spain seemed offended, but that is a lame one. The film was so bad that it should never have been put on the market.

Rosalind Russell has now signed to Twentieth Century to appear with George Raft in "It Had To Happen." (Continued on Page 12)

BEBE DANIELS RETURNS IN "MUSIC IS MAGIC"

"THE BIG BROADCAST OF 1936" HAS GALAXY OF STARS

EDWARD ARNOLD GIVES STERLING PORTRAYAL OF "DIAMOND JIM" BRADY

By Diane

TAKE your film memories back a few years and recall a very lovely 13-year old girl named Bebe Daniels, who was always "The Girl" in the early and highly successful Harold Lloyd comedies. I still maintain that Lloyd never had anyone her equal.

Now, after holding her own with all newcomers in movies and talkies, Bebe Daniels returns to Hollywood after making films in England and an eventful personal appearance tour in the States. We all lovingly recall some of her outstanding hits, and it won't be forgotten how she revolutionized the screen with her singing in "Rio Rita." Marriage and her pretty daughter Barbara mean more to Bebe now than screen fame, but she is still so lovely, so much in a class by herself, that we can ill afford to let her appearances be so rare.

It is good to see her again this time in the Fox Musical "Music is Magic" and she "steps out" and shows the true trouper spirit in this pleasant little semi-musical with Alice Faye nominally in the star position; but Bebe is the girl who "steals the picture."

We see her cast as a motion picture star whose popularity is on the wane. Alice Faye, seeking fame in Hollywood, manages to obtain work in a musical in which Miss Daniels is the star. When

affluent railroad magnate and who was the best-known character on the "Great White Way."

It was a difficult proposition for Director Edward Sutherland to compress this man's story into a 60-minute film, and the success this picture has attained everywhere proves that the central figure is capable of capturing and holding the imagination. Edward Arnold never lets a film down, but in this "meaty" role he certainly gives a sterling performance. We see the man who bluffed his way to wealth and fame, staggered New York with his fabulous exploits, spent a fortune in record time and ate himself to death.

The fault in the picture is that no other character rings true—they are so overshadowed by "Diamond Jim." English Binnie Barnes was chosen to play the famous beauty Lillian Russell out of dozens of applicants, with Jean Arthur as the one girl Jim would have married—she shares the female honours.

The cast is an enormous one and you will see Eric Elore, Hugh O'Connell, George Sidney, Robert McWade, Cesar Romero, Charles Sellon, Otis Harlan, Henry Kolker and many more, all sharing in a small way to make this picture a



Binnie Barnes, as Lillian Russell, in "Diamond Jim," the Universal production which will be screened at the King's Theatre next Wednesday.

the leading lady "goes temperamental," Ray Walker, a young "Master of Ceremonies," manages to place his sweetheart in the role and is himself appointed dance director. Supplementing this romance we have rivalry between Bebe Daniels and her daughter, played by Rosina Lawrence.

The plot matters not a jot—it is Bebe we go to see and hear and she plays her role to the hilt. There are some catchy tunes, and lots of laughs from the two comedians, Mitchell and Durant, who will be recalled for their knock-about stunts in "Stand up and Cheer."

Ray Walker, who appeared in "Bright Eyes" and "40 Raize," has his first real chance as leading man and does well. Alice Faye is always a delight to watch and hear. Thomas Beck, Luis Alberni and others contribute to the all-round excellence of this entertaining musical. You would be foolish to miss it. (Alhambra).

"Diamond Jim"

These of us who "know" our pictures will still retain the most pleasant memories of Edward Arnold stealing the male honours in the Joan Crawford film "Sadie McKee." Now the Universal brings him in a colourful role, which is ideally suited to this German-American actor. As the central figure in this gay tale of the "Nineties" he portrays with a deal of realism the famous diamond-backed character Jim Brady. I still remember seeing this man at "first night" on Broadway, and in those days he was always accompanied by the attractive Dolly Sisters, then in the height of their Broadway fame. Edward Arnold gives a most skillful characterization of the man who rose from baggage-master to

record-smasher. This colourful biographical drama is worth seeing even if some of the incidents are a little vague and scrappy. Edward Arnold should be seen to be appreciated. (King's).

"King Solomon Of Broadway"

Gangster films still rank high in popularity, so Universal wisely bring yet another in the cycle and add music. Don't think that the hero Edmund Lowe is a gangster, please; but he has connections with one who shares in the takings of a popular Broadway time-and-dance palace.

The inoffensive story tells how a lovely and wealthy client at the famous restaurant (Louise Henry) offers to buy a share for our hero and with it she hopes his heart will be part of the "purchase." Hero has other dreams, though, and they include the popular entertainer Dorothy Page. Follows a kidnapping, grand play between gangster and hero and a happy ending for the loving couple.

Through this interesting and enjoyable picture we have "Pinky" Tomlin (otherwise known as "Object-of-my-affections Tomlin") and some swingy tunes which you will want badly from the nearest gramophone shop. Miss Page is a delight to the eye and the ear. Mr. Edmund Lowe shows us as usual what the best-dressed man should wear and charms us as well as the two pretty females.

You can't fail to enjoy this musical drama "Pinky" thinking with "right" and playing the guitar and Miss Page singing and strutting. Just a few of the highlights of the well acted show, Ed Charles, Grapewin, Bradley Page and small dog "Hamburg" can't be missed. (Alhambra).

TALENT — great bundles of it, singing, dancing, musical talent spiced with amusing comedians — makes the Paramount musical "The Big Broadcast of 1936" one of those films you can't forget. It also has in its favour a better story than the usual annual round-up, and tells how Jack Oakie and Henry Wadsworth run a radio station which is popular because of "Lochinvar the Great Lover" — none other than Mr. Oakie, with Mr. Wadsworth as the singing voice.

Along comes Lyda Roberti, a mysterious Countess who "shanghaies" the partners aboard her yacht and takes them off to her island castle. No more need be told, but the success of the film depends upon an invention of George Burns (the famous male partner of Burns and Allen) called the "Radio Eye" and this super-television contrivance serves to introduce the several "turns," which punctuate the development of this story, for it is capable of picking up anything that is happening anywhere.

Among other things it picks up are one of those hilarious scenes by Mary Boland and Charles Ruggles, a much-too-short glimpse of the one and only Bing Crosby, three men building a house and a spectacular item featuring Ethel Merman and a troupe of elephants. You have never seen anything much better than the elephants doing a "skit" on the Busby Berkeley style.

Throughout the story we have poor George Burns continually pestered by that amazing wife of his, Gracie Allen, glimpses of the greatest of "hoofers," Bill Robinson, Amos 'n' Andy, Ray Noble (of "Good Night, Sweetheart" fame) and his Band, the Nicholas Brothers and Hong Kong's girl, Wendy Barrie, supplying the love interest with Henry Wadsworth. Light and most agreeable entertainment. Not to be missed on any account. (Queen's).

"Redheads On Parade"

Now is the chance to see and hear pretty Mrs. Bing Crosby (Dixie Lee) in a film worthy of her looks and talent. "Redheads on Parade" also brings us John Boles as a dancer, something new in addition to his delightful singing. He will surprise you with his tango, rumba and waltz, done in expert manner with his co-star to a catchy tune "I Found a Dream." The chances also for his noted acting ability are not lacking.

There are few cinema "fans" who do not enjoy a back-screen story and this is well above the average. The real star in the picture is Jean Harlow, who is unseen. The plot revolves round the rivalry between redheads and platinum blondes. Alan Dinehart, an independent producer, faces ruin unless a millionaire hair-dye manufacturer (Raymond Walburn) will finance him. Walburn, who has a secret passion for Dixie, will give \$300,000 if platinum blondes disappear from the United States, leaving only his famous red dye popular.

What more do you want to know of this Fox musical? Nothing, when you realise it has comedian Jack Haley as a publicity man, British William Austin and Herman Bing supplying more humour, five-year-old Patsy O'Connor, Alan Dinehart and Wilbur Mack, but most important of all about 50 gorgeous red-headed girls, trained by that master of the dance Larry Ceballos, who contribute more than their share towards making this one of the outstanding hits of the season. The best tunes are "Two Got Your Future All Planned," and "Redheads on Parade." Norman McLeod directs and Jesse Lasky supervises this sumptuous production. Worth seeing. (King's). (Continued on Page 12)

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RED HEADS ON PARADE
JOHN BOLES
Wendy Barrie is featured in "The Big Broadcast of 1936" which is coming to-morrow to the Queen's, is here seen with Henry Wadsworth.



Alice Faye and Ray Walker play the leading parts in the Fox musical production "Music is Magic," which will be shown at the Alhambra Theatre to-morrow.



Edward Arnold and Joan Arthur are in "Diamond Jim," a Universal production, which is coming next week to the King's Theatre.

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LOCAL DOLLAR
DECLINESForward Silver Price
Unquoted

The local dollar has declined a halfpenny, opening on demand this morning at 1/3 1/2. "Spot" silver was quoted at 26 1/2, and there was no quotation for "forward". The London on New York cross-rate was unchanged at \$-US\$4.92 1/2, as compared with \$-US\$4.92 1/2, while the New York on London cross-rate was unchanged at \$-US\$4.92 1/2.

NEW BUDGET
IN FRANCEGovernment Wins
A PointACCELERATED PROCEDURE
AGREED UPON

Paris, To-day. After the Finance Commission of the Chamber had on Wednesday rejected by a majority of one the Government's proposal that the budget for 1936 should be dealt with by accelerated procedure, the Chamber passed the proposal by a sweeping majority of 345 to 190 yesterday.

The Government has thus recovered the prestige lost through its defeat in the Finance Committee, but the Minister of Finance, M. Begnier, gave the Chamber an assurance that, despite the adoption of accelerated procedure, Parliament's right to amend the Government's finance proposal would not be curtailed.

On Friday and Saturday next week three Chamber sessions will be held to dispose of the budget estimates.—Trans-Ocean Service.

YIN TAKES
STEPSChinese Banknotes
Banned

Peiping, To-day. Mr. Yin Ju-keng, Chairman of the Tungchow "Autonomy" Committee, yesterday issued an executive order banning the use of banknotes of the Bank of China, Central Bank of China and the Bank of Communications within the demilitarized zone. In spite of the settlement adjusted between Major-General Kenji Dohara and War Minister Ho Ying-ching, Yin's regime in Tungchow is not likely to be abolished. Tungchow is heavily garrisoned by Japanese troops, to forestall any disturbance by the populace.—Union News.

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SHARE MARKET

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks
H.K. Bank \$1,440 b., \$1,440 s.
H.K. Bank (Lim.) 297 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank \$13 n.
Mercantile Bank A. and B. 238 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank C. \$13 n.
Bank of East Asia \$70 1/2 n.

Insurance
Canton Ins. \$270 b., \$270 s.
Union Ins. \$370 b., \$370 s.
China Underwriters \$110 n.
China Fire Ins. \$480 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$245 b.
International Assoc. \$4 n.

Shipping
Douglases \$36 n.
H.K. Steamships \$4 n.
Indo-China (Pref.) \$30 n.
Indo-China (Def.) \$11 n.
Shells (Bearer) \$17 1/2 n.
Union Waterboats \$12 n.

Mining
Antamoks \$1.30 b., \$1.30 s.
Balatoks \$17 1/2 b.
Benguet Consolidated \$15 1/2 b.
Benguet Exploration 11 cts. n.
Big Wedge 12 cts. n.
Gold Creek 30 cts. n.
Gold River 7 cts. n.
Ipo Mining 90 cts. n.
Itogons 36 1/2 cts. n.
Salacots 15 cts. b.

Kailan Mining Ad. 11/- n.
Langkats (Single) Sh. \$11 1/2 n.
Shai Exploration Sh. \$4 1/2 n.
Shai Loans Sh. \$5 1/2 n.
Rauhs \$10 b.
Venz; Goldfield 2 1/2 b.

Docks, etc.
H.K. and K. Wharves (old) \$91 b.
H.K. and K. Wharves (new) \$88 1/2 b.
H.K. and W. Docks \$9 n.
Providents (old) \$1.35 b., \$1.40 s.

Providents (new) 15 cts. s.
Hong Kew Sh. \$237 1/2 n.
New Engineering Sh. \$4 n.
Shanghai Docks \$80 n.
Cotton Mills

Ewo Cotton Sh. \$9 1/2 n.
Shanghai Cotton (old) Sh. \$75 n.
Shanghai Cotton (new) Sh. \$45 n.

Zoong Sings Sh. \$12 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$25 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. and S. Hotel \$5.10 b., \$5 s.
H.K. Lands \$34 1/2 s.
H.K. Lands 4% Debentures \$100 n.

Shanghai Lands Sh. \$20 n.
Metropolitan Lands Sh. \$10 n.
Humphreys \$10 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities \$5 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates \$8 n.
China Realities \$4 n.
China Debentures Sh. \$35 n.

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways \$14.35 b., \$14 1/2 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$5 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$4 n.
Star Ferries \$30 s.
Yamutai Ferries \$17 n.
C. Light \$11 b., \$10.50/11 s.
H.K. Electric \$69 b., \$70 s.
\$68/70 s.

Macao Electric \$20 n.
Sandakan Light \$2.10 n.
Telephones (old) \$25 b.
Telephones (new) \$9.60 b., \$9 1/2 s.

China Buses Sh. \$11 1/2 n.
Singapore Traction 16/6 b.
Singapore Traction Pref. 25/6 n.

Industrials
Malabon Sugar \$3.40 n.
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$19 1/2 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$15 n.

NEW YORK STOCK
MARKETImmediate Outlook
MixedNERVOUSNESS SEEN IN
TRADING CIRCLES

Messrs. White Weld and Company, New York Correspondent for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, report:

Stocks: The intermediate market outlook continues mixed, with a considerable amount of nervousness dominating trading circles. The tendency on the part of high grade investment issues to drag during the strength of specialties is not re-assuring. On weakness, however, we particularly favour good oil and gold shares. Business done: 2,140,000 shares.

Cotton: There was further liquidation to-day, but most of these sales were absorbed by the Trade. Short-interests have also covered part of their commitments. Wheat: Some fair demand for Canadian wheat has been reported. We are of the opinion that accumulation of holdings on further setbacks are advisable.

Flash: Brokers' Loans during the past week totalled \$950,000,000.

BERLIN SHARE
MARKET

Prices Crumble

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. The buying orders placed with the Banks for execution yesterday were too few to keep the share market busy, so that, owing to an excess of offers, prices crumbled.

The Bourse showed great interest in Wednesday's speeches by Dr. Schacht and Professor Leue before the Reich organization for trade, where great emphasis was laid upon the value of private initiative as a constructive economic force in the new Germany, but these declarations had no perceptible effect on the price tendency.

On the fixed interest securities market business was small and prices were mostly the same as before. Reich Old Liquidation Loan declined 1/2, but gold

ADDIS ABABA
PANICMYSTERY CLEARED
BY INVESTIGATION

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Addis Ababa, To-day.

A totally unexpected explanation for the sudden panic that broke out here on Wednesday when it was reported that Italian bombing planes were on their way to the Abyssinian capital has just resulted from an official investigation into the mystery.

A telegram which arrived from the United States to a film news reporter here, expressing the belief that Addis Ababa was about to be bombarded and urging the cameraman to keep a sharp lookout so as to get good pictures, was misinterpreted by the Abyssinian telegraph operator, who, scared, spread the story that the Italians were already coming. The capital took alarm, so that even in court and official circles the report was at first believed.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LOCAL NEWS
BREVITIES

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned at a formal enquiry into the death of a prisoner named Chan Kuen, who died in his cell on Wednesday morning, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen sitting as Coroner, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. R. S. Johnson (foreman), Lee Shui-ai, and So Wai-tok.

Lam Man-ping, chauffeur of private car No. 3413, was fined \$20 at the Central Magistracy this morning by Mr. W. Schofield for driving without due care and caution in Queen's Road East, while Li Cheuk Fan, driver of public car No. 419, was fined \$20 for a similar offence in St. George's Road on November 24.

The s.s. Behar left Singapore on Sunday last and is expected here this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The next O. S. K. sailings for Keelung via Swatow and Amoy are by the Canton Maru on December 15, the Hozan Maru on January 5 and the Kyodo Maru (cargo only) on December 17.

The Dinner Dance and Presentation of Prizes under the joint auspices of the H.K. Accountants and Secretaries' Students Society and the School of Accountancy and Commerce arranged for Thursday evening at the Hong Kong Hotel has been postponed to to-morrow evening at the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room.

A dinner dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow and a tea-dance on Sunday. A special extra bus service has been arranged for the convenience of patrons attending the Dinner Dance, in addition to the ordinary Time Table—Leaving Hong Kong 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. Leaving Repulse Bay—1.00 a.m., 1.15 a.m., and 1.30 a.m.

The R.E.O.C.A. are holding their next fortnightly Whist Drive and Tombola in the Dining Hall, Wellington Barracks, on Monday next, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The Tombola starts at approximately 10.30 p.m. after refreshments have been served.

Mr. Trinidad E. Lacayo, having been appointed Consul for the Republic of Guatemala at Hong Kong, assumed charge of the Consulate at No. 49 Granville Road, Kowloon, on Tuesday.

\$45,600 Local Estate

Phyllis Mary Perrin, married woman, late of No. 273 the Peak, who died on July 18, 1935, left local estate valued at \$900. Probate in the estate has been granted to Norman James Perrin, widower.

Fung Pak-wei, late of No. 10 Pak Yuen Lane, Kankong Market, in the Nam Hoi District, died on November 12, 1935, leaving local estate valued at \$45,600. Probate in the above estate has been granted to Fung Wai-luen and Fung Wai-yuk, sons of the deceased.

Flora Perry, or Flora Samuel Perry, spinster, who died on March 26, 1935, at Bombay, India, left local estate valued at \$5,000.

PORT OF ASSAB FOR
ABYSSINIA

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SPANISH APPROVAL

In any case they declared that they could not participate in the work of the committee until the attitude of Signor Mussolini and the Negus towards the Franco-British proposals was known.

The Spanish delegate, Senor Madariaga, on the other hand, who travelled from Paris to Geneva with Mr. Eden and M. Laval, is understood to be in agreement with the Committee of Five's preparing a report immediately on the basis of the Franco-British plan.

The objections of Poland and Turkey are the first practical expression of strong opposition to the Franco-British proposals being shown by many League members, particularly the Soviet Union, Rumania, the Little Entente and the Balkan States, and which is evidenced by a strongly-worded article in the semi-official League newspaper. This accuses Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval of committing the crime of wanting to reward the aggression, Italy, and of betraying the League Covenant.

CHIEF OBJECTIONS

The chief objections to the proposal can be summed up as follows:—

(1) England and France had no mandate from the League to undertake negotiations;

(2) The Committee of Five does not exist any more; the League Council must deal with the matter afresh and institute a new committee;

(3) The negotiations of M. Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare constitute an infringement of the former decisions taken by the Sanctions Conference concerning the oil embargo;

(4) In any case M. Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare ought to have submitted their proposals to the League Council before communicating them to the other countries concerned;

(5) Without the Negus's approval the League Council, and still less England and France, cannot begin negotiations with Signor Mussolini.—Trans-Ocean Service.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE

Geneva: Yesterday's meeting of the Committee agreed with the Polish delegate, that all international matters should be placed before the League Council and not before the Committee of Five.

Mr. Anthony Eden said that the peace proposals made by Britain and France were neither definite nor sacrosanct. They were suggestions, which it was hoped would make possible the beginning of negotiations. Proposals for their improvement would be cordially welcomed.

He suggested that the Council should be summoned at the earliest possible moment to hear a full statement on the peace terms and to determine what course it wishes to pursue in the light of the situation thus created.

After M. Laval had supported Mr. Eden the Committee adjourned until to-day, when it will discuss the report on the working of the sanctions.

MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Geneva: The League Council has been convened for next Wednesday.

There is much comment on Mr. Anthony Eden's remark in his speech before the Committee of Eighteen: "We shall make no complaints if the League does not agree with these suggestions." Enquiry indicates that the proposals have very little chance of adoption by the League.

The report of the committee of experts, distributed last evening, shows that the economic and financial sanctions have so far been applied with remarkable unanimity by some 50 Governments.—Reuter.

Sir Samuel Hoare To
Visit Italy?

RUMOURS IN ROME

Paris: The British Foreign Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, may possibly visit Italy, according to the Rome correspondent of the *Journal*, who says that rumours to that effect are circulating in the Italian capital, where it is pointed out that Sir Samuel could reach the Italian frontier by car in less than an hour from the Engadine resort where he is now staying.

For the time being, however, so the correspondent adds, such a journey is considered in Rome to be premature, but it is believed not unlikely that Sir Samuel Hoare might wish to enter into personal contact with the Italian statesmen in view of the impending peace negotiations. The Geneva correspondent of the *Matin* states that similar rumours are persistently circulating in League circles.

General Optimism
In ItalyALLEGED BRITISH CHANGE
OF FRONT

Rome: The general optimism caused here by the Franco-British peace proposals still continues. Italian official quarters expect that the Sanctions Committee re-assembling at Geneva to-day will not only forego the intensification of the sanctions for the time being, but will lift the sanctions altogether if the peace negotiations with Abyssinia become a fact.

Commenting on the change of attitude the *Corriere della Sera's* London correspondent declares that the British Government has realised that it was not possible to insist on the application of the League Covenant at any price. The determined attitude shown by Italy as well as events in the Mediterranean and Egypt have also decisively influenced the change of British policy, asserts the paper.—Trans-Ocean Service.

QUESTION IN COMMONS
In reply to a question in Parliament yesterday the Prime Minister Mr. Stanley Baldwin, said that the co-ordination measures to be taken under Article XVI of the Covenant in connection with the dispute between Italy and Ethiopia were undertaken by a Committee composed of all the members of the League except Italy and Ethiopia. All the members of this Committee have concurred in the application of the measures so far decided upon, with the exception of Austria, Hungary, Albania and Paraguay.

The Governments of the first three countries have stated that they are unable to participate in the measures in question, while the Paraguayan Government have stated they do not deem it desirable for the present to consider the resolution as concerning them. Of non-member States Egypt has signified her adherence to the measures of the Co-ordination Committee.

TWO COURSES OPEN
Geneva messages state that the League Council will probably meet on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Meantime the formulas drafted in Paris will be communicated to the Council members.

According to press telegrams it is thought in Geneva that two courses will be open to the Council when the Italian and Ethiopian views on the Paris proposals have been received. The suggested alternatives are that if both the parties find them unacceptable, the proposals should be dropped, or if they are not accepted in the present form by either party, they should be revised and re-submitted.

At the same time the Committee of Eighteen will proceed with the examination of the working of the sanctions and the technical study of the proposals before it, for the extension of the economic measures.—British Wireless Service.

EXCURSIONS TO
MANILAChristmas And New
Year HolidaysEXCELLENT CHEAP FACILITIES
PROVIDED

The Dollar Steamship Line and American Mail Line advise that reductions have been made in their Christmas and New Year excursion fares to Manila. As is already known, during the Christmas Holidays excursions are as follows:—

President Hoover
Leaves Hong Kong, Dec. 19, 9 p.m.
Arrives Manila, Dec. 23, 7 a.m.
Leaves Manila, Dec. 25, 3 p.m.

President Grant
Leaves Hong Kong, Dec. 26, 6 p.m.
Arrives Manila, Dec. 30, 7 a.m.
Leaves Manila, Jan. 1, 3 p.m.

On these two steamers, for the round trip Hong Kong to Manila and return, the companies are quoting excursion fares as follows:—

First Class
Minimum Rate H.K.\$180.00
Small Cabin with
Bath H.K.\$196.00
Large Cabin with
Bath H.K.\$204.00

Extra Large Cabin
with Bath H.K.\$216.00
Special Class
President Hoover H.K.\$120.00
Tourist Class
President Grant H.K.\$108.00

These fares provide for transportation to and from Manila, and meals and accommodation on board the steamer the first day after arrival free; but should passengers desire to use the steamer as their hotel in Manila, having their meals on board and sleeping on the steamer during the stay in Manila, an additional charge of H.K.\$10.00 per day will be made for each day after the first day.

It will be noted that these fares are extremely low and the trip should provide an excellent holiday.

OFFICIAL CALLS

Government House
Activity

In connection with the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, official calls were made at Government House this morning by His Excellency the C-in-C, Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer, His Excellency the G.O.C., Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, and Commodore C. G. Sedgwick.

Subsequently His Excellency the Governor paid return calls on His Excellency the C-in-C on board H.M.S. Falmouth where a detachment from H.M.S. Kent formed the Guard of Honour; on His Excellency the G.O.C. at Flagstaff House where the 1st Battalion, the Lincolnshire Regiment provided the Guard of Honour; and on the Commodore on board H.M.S. Tamar where the Guard of Honour was provided by the Royal Marines.

OBITUARY

Mr. Roderick T.
Barton

Mr. L. A. Barton, of the Treasury, has received news from England of the death of his brother, Mr. Roderick T. Barton, at the age of 45. He received a telegram from his sister this morning, informing him that Mr. R. Barton had died on November 29, but no other details were included in the message.

Mr. R. T. Barton was for several years in the Hong Kong, Shanghai, Hankow and Yokohama branches of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. He was a keen rider while a resident in Hong Kong, and a wide circle of friends will regret to learn of his death. It is presumed that he was living on his tobacco plantation in South Rhodesia.

The s.s. Canada Maru will leave this port for Japan on January 2.

CATSPA

By T. G.
King

THE village of Bamber was as respectable, as sober, and as proud as any in Lancashire. Its narrow climbing streets echoed to quiet sounds of men's voices talking in the evenings, sitting at cottage doors in their shirt-sleeves, smoking their short, blackened "clays." The talk would be of dogs, brass bands and pigeons, of football and cricket, of old days and happy times. With the women knitting while the light lasted and occasionally chipping in with the men, there was an air of contentment about it that was very enviable and very desirable. People used to say, "As quiet as Bamber," as though Bamber were the only quiet village in the world.

On top of the hill, in the very middle of the village, stood the Cotton Tree Inn. It was an old inn with a faded sign depicting a very small Negro picking balls of fluff from a very large plant which was presumably a cotton tree. The landlord, old Joe Higgins, was a modest unassuming man, old fashioned and as contented as the rest of Bamber.

The men used to drop in later on in the evenings for a drink and a talk, and he was proud of the fact that never once in twenty years had a Bamber man had one too many. The inn was used as an inn should be used. It was a friendly, cosy, sociable meeting-place. It brought him a modest livelihood. It did nobody any harm.

Then old Joe Higgins went the way of all flesh, and Simon Duddle came in his stead. And Simon Duddle was a very different pair of shoes.

Mr. Duddle was short of one eye, but the sound one was an eye to business, directed by a mind rather like a maze, full of devious paths all leading to his heart, wherein lay his single ambition of getting rich quick at Bamber's expense.

He regarded the late Higgins as an incompetent fool, much too soft for this world. As far as he was concerned the Cotton Tree was suffering from a blight worse than the boll weevil, and the pastoral peace of Bamber evenings was as depressing to his spirit as solitary confinement would have been.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Lonely Place," by Patrick Kirwan.

He preferred noise and bustle, clinking glasses, orders issuing from disorder, waiters hot and bothered, swinging doors, and best of all, the jingling of a busy bell. And Mr. Duddle believed that artfulness being more potent than art, and fools and their money being not more adhesive here than elsewhere, he could convert the blighted Cotton Tree into a flourishing plant whose produce would provide him with the habilitments of wealth.

By dint of throwing appetising sprats to catch thirsty whales, he wiped the happy smile from the face of Bamber and provided it instead with something between a scowl and a grin.

The women, left to gossip alone at their doorsteps, did the scowling, while the men grinned in the Cotton Tree.

The vicar, seriously concerned at the woeful backsliding of his erstwhile flock, preached virgile sermons against strong drink and the purveyors and consumers thereof, and called the men "poor fish to be caught on a line cast by the Devil and baited by an artful dodger."

Duddle smiled when he heard this, and reminded himself that the bait was bringing the fish from "the water" at any rate, and he might have added, was picking them pretty well too. Wives were in despair.

Then came the night when Billy Shutt staggered home to the wife of his bosom on legs that did not seem to belong to him, and told her his armpit was an aching pain, and smiled feebly round the kitchen.

Emma put down her knitting and fixed him with an eye that was something between Mrs. Lest's and Queen Elizabeth in a "mood."

GOLF STARTING
TIMESPairings For Fanning
Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.34 a.m. D. G. Gilmore, A. M. W. Scott.
9.38 " O. E. C. Merton, K. S. Robertson.
9.32 " A. E. Lissaman, Major Shannon.
9.36 " D. S. Edwards, Col. Blake.
9.40 " A. B. Purves, I. H. Geare.
9.44 " G. Marselle, Major Wren.
9.48 " W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.
9.52 " H. H. Roddow, R. A. Rodgers.
9.56 " A. N. Othen, Col. Williamson.
10.00 " A. Anderson, J. Forbes.
10.04 " W. E. Humphreys, A. Brown.
10.08 " E. A. Brodie, J. L. Bonnar.
10.12 " A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collins.
10.16 " W. J. Waddington, R. A. McKenny.
10.20 " A. S. Reynolds, W. G. Lomax.
10.24 " E. J. R. Mitchell, Capt. Mitchell.
10.28 " A. Sommerfeldt, R. K. Valentine.
10.32 " D. J. Keogh, R. C. Webb.
10.36 " A. O. Brown, F. C. W. Jeffries.
10.40 " A. T. Lay, F. A. Richmond.
10.44 " N. K. Littlejohn, A. McKellar.

10.48 " H. N. Williamson, W. W. C. Shawan.
10.52 " E. Grimble, P. Tod.
10.56 " A. Campbell, F. C. B. Black.
11.00 " R. T. McMullen, T. C. McLaughlin.
11.04 " W. S. Hillier, J. MacKnight.
11.08 " C. C. Wilson, E. S. O. Dunlop.
11.12 " D. J. Fraser, Cdr. Haines.
11.16 " D. J. Valentine, Cdr. Husey.
11.20 " J. E. Dovey, Cdr. Rowland.
11.24 " R. S. Harrison, Lieut. Fraser.
11.28 " R. D. Walker, Cdr. Breaks.

NEW COURSE

9.24 a.m. W. J. S. Key, Comdr. Barry.
9.28 " D. W. McEwen, Capt. Law.
9.32 " P. H. Scoules, R. H. McGregor.
9.40 " O. J. Shannon, H. C. Hopkins.
9.48 " J. S. Dykes, Lieut. Kempthorne.
9.52 " R. L. Moncrieff, Lieut. Pack.
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10.24 " J. S. Dunnet, R. W. Jones.
10.28 " R. D. G. & Mrs. Barlow.
10.36 " C. J. Stellingwerf, H. F. C. Sumner.

10.40 " D. J. Mackie, A. A. Monaghan.
10.48 " H. Mrs. Overy.
10.52 " J. S. Wright, G. S. Stern.
11.00 " Lt. Comdr. Morant, Lt. Knox.

The trial train (Motor Coach) leaving Kowloon on Sundays at 9.15 a.m. will run once more next Sunday. Unless this train is supported adequately it will be discontinued after that date. There will be no train from Shum Chun at 7.30 p.m. in future.

RETURN OF FAVOURITE
DANCE RECORDS

COLUMBIA

Lovely to look at Johnny Green's orch.
I won't dance Jack Little's orch.
Lullaby of Broadway
I'm going shopping with you Bill Cottons band.
Gipsy moon
Moria
According to the moonlight Harry Rosenthal orch.
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The night is young
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DEBATE IN COMMONS

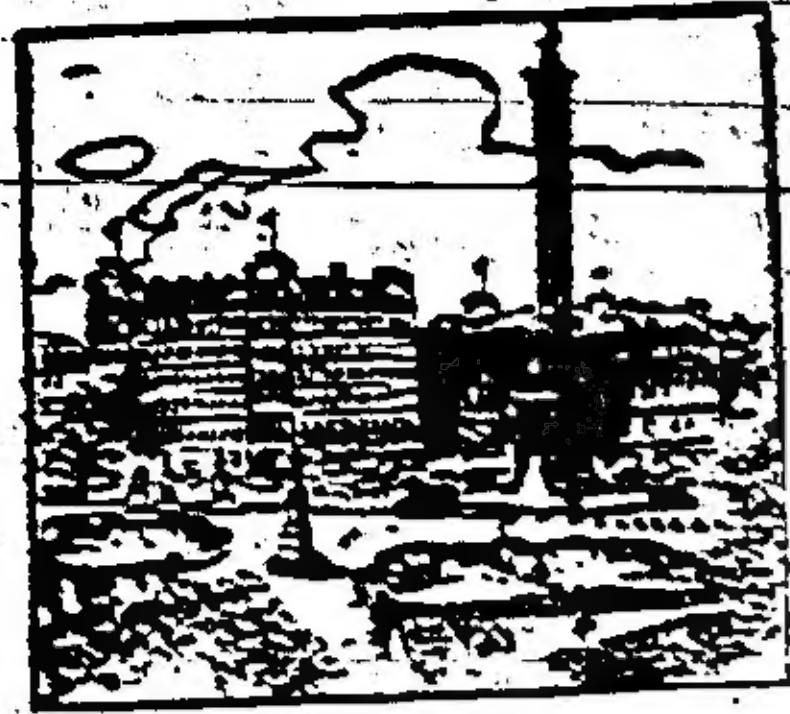
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which has been manifest in the Parliamentary lobbies concerning the proposals. This change is due to the belief that any settlement involving the transfer of Italy of large slices of Abyssinia along such lines and has in fact territory stands no chance of ac-failed already.—Reuter.

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LONDON LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Nov. 7. THE remarkable way in which Great Britain has overcome the financial problems of this autumn compared with those of 1912 is discussed in an article in the Midland Bank Monthly Review.

In August, 1912, the Bank rate was raised from 3 to 4 per cent, and later to 5 per cent, and the Bank's gold reserve fell sharply when war broke out in the Near East. Nearly a year elapsed before the gold reserve recovered to 40 millions and it was not until 1914 that the 3 per cent Bank rate was restored.

"The point to be emphasised in this story lies here," it is stated. "For a considerable period the prices of long-term capital and of short-term credit, that is, rates of interest generally, were unduly high, in the sense that industry, trade, and capital enterprise had to pay more for their finance than they would have paid but for a series of unfavourable events." The price of intimate international associations, it is added, "so far as it was expressed in the free working of a gold standard, had to be paid by our own domestic business undertakings, whether themselves concerned in our external trade or not."

Gold Transfers
The anxiety of the late summer of 1935 regarding the possibility of armed hostilities between Italy and Ethiopia led to a large quantity of gold passing from British ownership to the United States, estimated at

\$330,000,000 during the first half of October. As compared with 1912, the gold outflow was many times larger, and the fall in the dollar value of sterling far heavier, it is stated. The striking contrast is revealed in the absence of any rise in Bank rate, a step which would have been an inevitable part of the procedure on an international gold standard system. The results of the enormous gold outflow were amazingly slight in general.

Whereas in 1912 the effects of London's international position were inevitably transmitted for good or ill to domestic industry and trade, in 1935 the effects were insulated and interrupted by their business.

Treasures of £100,000 Library
The finest private collection of rare books and manuscripts in England has been handed over to a university to be held in trust for the nation. It is the famous library of the late Lord Brotherton, who died in October, 1930. It is valued at well over £100,000 and the responsibility of it has been accepted by the University of Leeds.

The books are housed in a building which was specially built at Lord Brotherton's expense and he made a further gift of £30,000 for the maintenance and administration of them. The library contains many

ABOLITION OF SENATE

BILL CARRIED IN IRISH DAIL

Dublin, To-day.—A motion introduced by Mr. de Valera in the Dail, to send again to the Senate the bill for the abolition of the Senate, which that body had previously rejected, was carried yesterday by 75 votes to 57.

Mr. de Valera, concluding the debate, said that temporarily anyhow there would be a single Chamber of Legislature. Meanwhile they would try what could be done, and he was perfectly certain that their experience would be such that they would not be in any great anxiety to change it.—Reuter.

POPPY DAY FUND

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H. K. Football Association 1,211.92
The Staff of the H.E. & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., in memory of the late Mr. W. M. Johnston 21.50
\$13,067.85

rare folios in perfect condition. There are also some thousands of miscellaneous literary and historical letters, first editions of Spenser's "Faerie Queen" and "Complaints," and many other original editions of the Elizabethans.

Commentary on Psalms
The treasures of Greek and Latin manuscripts include a commentary on the Psalms written in the 11th century and there are several valuable manuscripts depicting work before the advent of printing.

Another treasure is a fine 11th century manuscript of the Venerable Bede, or 48 pages of vellum. Among other rare editions is Milton's "Paradise Lost."

There is a rare accumulation of letters and literary remains of distinguished people. The collection of Bronte books and literature appertaining to the Bronte family is admitted to be the finest ever assembled.

Original manuscripts of Mendelssohn and a library of his works are treasures of a section of the library devoted to music. Early collections of the original orchestral parts of the compositions of many famous composers are also preserved there.

British Museum Hoaxed
The British Museum has been hoaxed.

Experts have discovered that one of their prominent exhibits supposed to be 2,600 years old was made by a clever forger less than 100 years ago. It is officially stated that the trustees now believe that "the time for its removal from the galleries has fully arrived."

The exhibit is the so-called Cerveteri Sarcophagus in the Greek and Roman galleries of the museum. On its lid are figures of a man and a woman. It was supposed to date from 600 B.C. and it has been in the possession of the museum for over 60 years. Terra-cotta, of which it is made, is one of the few materials which undergo no physical change with time, so both X-rays and ultra-violet rays have been powerless to detect the forgery.

Frenchman Responsible?

Enrico Pennelli, a Frenchman, is believed to have been responsible for the hoax which has taken in experts in several countries. The British Museum secured the sarcophagus from a Roman dealer of good repute in 1873. This dealer, bought it from Enrico's brother, who said that he had unearthed it at Cerveteri. But soon after it had been pieced together, doubts were cast on its antiquity.

Sir Charles Newton, then keeper of the department responsible for the exhibit, went to Paris to investigate, when it was discovered that Enrico was boasting that he had made it. Enrico said that his brother had smashed the work into pieces and had then buried it for some time to make it look old. Later he unearthed it and sold it to a dealer.

For over 60 years, experts have been pondering over the "masterpiece." Now, at last, the trustees are convinced that the museum was "sold a pup." (Continued on Page 11)



CAN VIXEN TOR BEAT ABLE AMAZON?

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The Final Handicap

Alacrity (141 lbs) seems to have improved considerably, judging from his good gallop a few days ago when he finished up in 25.3. I understand Mr. Ralph will be taking him out and that the stable connections are confident of success. Australian Boy (145 lbs), with Mr. Davis on the saddle, is also dangerous, especially over a mile. Halcyon who ran a good race behind Snowy River, is in at 135 lbs and she also put up a good gallop last Saturday.

I hope to see Halcyon register his first win as I understand he is now showing more interest in racing, especially on his last outing, when he "stayed the course" to take second place after trying to steal the race with only 139 lbs to carry.

Saucy Face seems to be carrying too much weight and, though she is always near the finish, she lacks her former brilliance. Atlas is a doubtful starter (he was slightly lame a fortnight ago) while I am of the opinion that both Empire Day and St. Joan will find the pace too hot for them.

The Novices
Tillicum will be ridden by Mr. R. M. Wood in this race, having been held over for this event. That was the reason why he was not started at Macao last Sunday. Although the mile may prove just too far for him, I think he should win. Festival Eve runs better under his novice jockey (Mr. S. L. Yuen) and he, together with Partnership (Mr. Choy Wing-chiu) and Heart's Glory (Mr. H. A. Botelho) will give Tillicum a good race. Plain View is the best outsider in this race.

Only five runners will go out in the first leg of the "Daily Double" and the penalty of 168 lbs. will spoil all Tin Ho's chances of winning, the penalty being due to his win at Macao last Sunday. Instead of making the conditions call for a 7 lb penalty, it seems to me that it would have been better to have the pony rather than force him to carry such a burden, especially as he is a sub.

Blacksmith (Mr. Pih) is very fit and is expected to win with Forgemaster and Lockesly Hall taking the minor places. Deemster, always dangerous but not a winner thus far, might cause a surprise and pull it off.

Bright Star is favourite for the Tardy Handicap, but I did not like the way he moved in his last gallop. Racing Boy (Mr. Black) Valorous (Mr. Frost) and Zero (Mr. Ralph) should finish in this order with Royal Romance as the long shot outsider.

NAVY SHOULD BEAT KOWLOON IN JUNIOR MATCH

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Tudor will occupy the centre-half berth and on his display of last week should be well able to hold the Kowloon forwards.

In the forward line, Spencer, Wide and Wilcox will give the Kowloon defence plenty to do.

Kowloon's Good Team

Kowloon have selected the best team available. Minihett has given some good displays recently and has played in goal before.

Willis and Foxman are a hard-working pair of backs, while the half-back line, with Stewart in the pivot position, should, even if hard pressed, be able to hold their own.

Center will lead the forwards this week, while Bone, who has played for the Club before, will make a reappearance.

CLUB ONCE AGAIN ALTER THEIR ATTACK

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The East Lancers, on the other hand, have played together as a team for the majority of their matches and can claim to have shown a better understanding between their defence and their attack than their opponents.

The game should produce some good soccer, with the odds on the soldiers.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

Filling Deficiencies In Defence Forces

JAPAN'S COMMERCIAL RIGHTS IN MANDATED TERRITORIES

London, To-day.—At question time in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was asked whether the money required for the reorganisation of the navy and air force would be raised by way of loans or met from ordinary revenue. In reply he recalled that the Government proposals for making good deficiencies in the defence forces had not yet been formulated and added that until that was done it would be premature to consider whether any part of the cost should be met by a loan.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, in reply to a Commons question said that Japan, having ceased to be a member of the League of Nations, has no legal right to claim equality of treatment in commercial matters in the Mandated Territories under the provisions of the Mandates. On the other hand, at the present time the Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty of 1911 extends to certain of the Mandated Territories administered by His Majesty's Government and by virtue of that treaty Japan possesses most favoured nation rights on a reciprocity basis as long as these extensions remain in force—British Wireless Service.

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British Lines Cannot Compete

Montreal, To-day.—The Canadian Australasian Line, in which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company owns a half interest, will discontinue its steamship service between Australia and New Zealand unless the three Dominions concerned give it more adequate support, announced Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

He said that the service was definitely imperilled by the competition of heavily subsidised United States steamships.—Reuter.

GOOD SOCCER ENCOUNTER FOR CHATHAM ROAD

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The Recreio have always performed well in the Shield and should enter the Second Round, despite the Saints formidable reputation.

No Changes
The latter are making no changes from the team which went down so disastrously to South China "A" last week in the League.

The Saints' selectors have been wise enough to grasp the fact that they were beaten by a much better combination and that it was not due to any weaknesses that they failed against the champions, and are consequently giving the same formation another chance. If only some of the other civilian teams would follow their example there would be better football!

Costa's Consistency

Costa, the Saints' left-back, has been displaying consistently good form to date and, despite his awkwardness, is in the running for an Interport trial. He has only to repeat his performance against the champions for the remaining matches in order to qualify.

JUNIOR SHIELD HOLDERS TO MEET AIRMEN

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In First, the pivot, the Engineers have a very sound player, while Selleck, in goal, is also playing very well at the moment.

Farmer, the Air Force centre-forward, will not be playing this week and Smith will be leading the attack. Docherty and Ewart have also been playing well for the past few weeks and should give Selleck a busy time.

Gregory, the pivot, and Fox, in goal, have been playing the whole season and as both are in form they should provide the main obstacle to the Engineers forwards.



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Peas, Sugar	Sunkist	No. 2 tin	.48
Pickles, Home Made	Libby	1 lb bot.	.40
Peas, Cooked	Beanlah	30 ozs tin	.46
Peas, Cooked	Beanlah	20 ozs tin	.35
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Raspberries, Frozen	Bodie	1 lb ctn.	.80
Raspberries	Sunkist	1 lb tin	.30
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Lyle Talbot, Roscoe Karns and Bradley Page are in "Red Hot Tires," a Warner Bros. picture which will be screened at the Star Theatre soon.

TALKIE TALKS

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"Smart Girl"

When Kent Taylor rings the doorbell of a big house to serve a legal paper on its owner, the door is opened by Ida Lupino, who three minutes later proposes to the process-server. Not impressed by her apparent flippancy he marries, instead, her sister (Gail Patrick), and struggles valiantly to help both girls through the hard times that follow their bankrupt father's suicide. Miss Lupino goes to work for a German milliner (Joseph Cawthorne) and proceeds to demonstrate that, in spite of her smart talk, she is the one he should have picked.

This is a smart-little comedy and rings up another hit for the ambitious producer, Walter Wanger (who gave us "Private Worlds" among others). The cast is an excellent one, comprising that fascinating villain Sydney Blackmer, likeable Kent Taylor

and two grand comedians, Joseph Cawthorne and "Pinky" Tomlin, who, alas, does not sing a note. Miss Patrick has beauty and brains, and has concentrated on acquiring that beautiful so-called "international voice," while English Ida Lupino favours an American accent. Miss Lupino has more energy than a small dynamo and is strong on fast conversation. You will enjoy this picture.

"People Will Talk"
 Charles Ruggles once more at the mercy of Mary Boland in a matrimonial venture. The story tells how they have been married happily for twenty-three years, when they are horrified by their daughter (Lella Hyams) announcing that as her husband (Dean Jagger) has tired of her she will "return to Mother." Thereupon Mary Boland has a typical "Bolandish" brain wave for reuniting the couple. Naturally there are misunderstandings and poor Charles Ruggles even stoops to slapstick. The entertainment value in this picture lies in the Ruggles in mitable brand of humor and the fussiness of Mary Boland. This pleasant little domestic comedy has many amusing scenes and is definitely worth seeing. (Queen's).

"Death Flies East"
 Murder mystery on a transcontinental air liner, where we find heroine Florence Rice, on parole from a Los Angeles prison, flying East to secure a confession from a condemned man who can exonerate her from complicity in a poison case. Conrad Nagel is also on the plane with the "papers" which he must deliver in Washington. Other passengers include a detective, a Japanese, an insurance agent, a deaf woman, a business man and an ordinary passenger. Add a murder and as usual you spend all your time picking the culprit. Besides those already mentioned, here are Raymond Walburn, Robert Allen, Oscar Apfel, Mike Morita, Irene Franklin, Geneva Mitchell and others. (Alhambra).

The Star, Kowloon
 The Mae West mixture, the same as most of her other films. Mae tries to crash society and the story is replenished with many of her best "Westisms" and some piquant situations. Paul Cavanagh, Gilbert Emery and Monroe Owsley in chief supporting roles. Good for the Mae West admirers.

Followed by a film I have been hoping to see in a return date for months past, "Lives of a Bengal Lancer." Military drama at an army outpost in Northern India. Magnificent spectacle, good human story, not forgetting laughs as well as tears. Excellent act-

Short Shots

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It is reported that after Wheeler and Woolsey complete their next comedy "Wild West" for R.K.O. they will probably join another studio.

Sybil Thorndike and Sir Cedric Hardwicke will appear with Nova Pilbeam in the film made of the life of Lady Jane Grey, who was England's Queen for a few short days.

John Gildard, who will be remembered in "The Good Companions" as back at Gannum British studio to appear with Madeleine Carroll in Somerset Maugham's "Ashenden Stories," enacting the lead in the film titled "Secret Agent."

Mark Sandrich, the director who has given us so many of the Astaire-Rogers hits, has discovered a new girl to replace Irene Dunne in "Follow the Fleet." This lovely blonde will play the love interest with Randolph Scott. Her name is Harriet Hilliard.

Brian Aherne and not Herbert Marshall will be cast as "Phil Vance" in the new series of the famous detective's adventures. For the first time the hero will fall in love.

W. C. Fields, when he finally recovers from his serious illness, has three films to make. First will be "Pickwick Papers," then later "Rip Van Winkle" and "Don Quixote."

Wallace Berry is scheduled to appear in a strong drama about the harm done to innocent people by Prohibition in America. He is to play the part of a saloon-keeper who is driven to crime. (Will he change his name?)—DIANE.

Contributions from Gary Cooper, Franchot Tone, Richard Cromwell, Sir Guy Standing and C. Aubrey Smith and generally dignified treatment which raises this film to the "outstanding" class.

Followed by what I call a J.A.P. (Just Another Picture), Fay Wray and Paul Lukas in "The Countess of Monte Cristo" (Star).

Majestic
 Chinese picture for three days; then we have Ricardo Cortez, Barbara Robbins, John Beal, Dorothy Burgess, Sarah Had'n and Samuel Hinds in "Hat Coat and Glove," a combination triangle drama and murder mystery with an unexpected twist. Worth seeing alone for the grand performance turned in by Ricardo Cortez.

Followed by "Elinor Norton," Morbid melodrama of a neurotic husband, with Claire Trevor, Hugh Williams, Gilbert Roland, Henrietta Crossman and Norman Foster in the leading roles. The period is war time, and tells a tale of a jealous husband and faithful, suffering wife, with a wildly melodramatic finish.

Oriental
 "Black Fury" is a very fine drama of life in a coal-mining community in Pennsylvania. Atmosphere and plot both drab, but the sterling acting of the star Paul Muni and the intelligent theme are sufficient compensation. Advised.

"George White's Scandals," with Alice Faye, Jimmy Dunn, Ned Sparks and Mrs. George White stealing most of the limelight. Some catchy tunes and the greatest female tap-dancer in the world, who has now scored a riotous hit in "Broadway Melody of 1936," Eleanor Powell, merely allowed to perform one dance, but still managing to be the hit of the show as far as I am concerned.

"Fog over Frisco" is strong mystery melodrama with Bette Davis, Margaret Lindsay and Donald Woods doing splendid work. I enjoyed it (Oriental)—DIANE.

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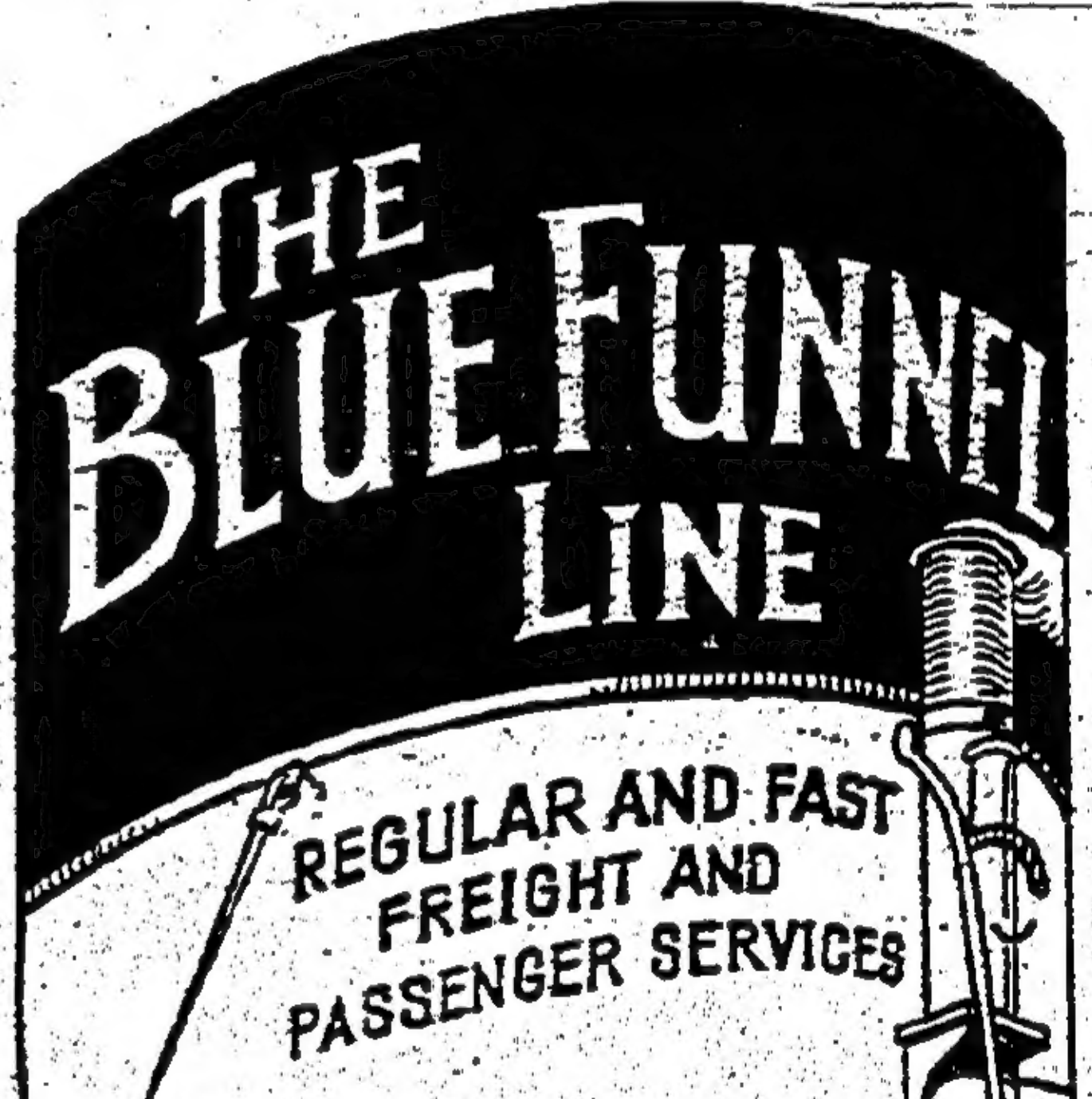
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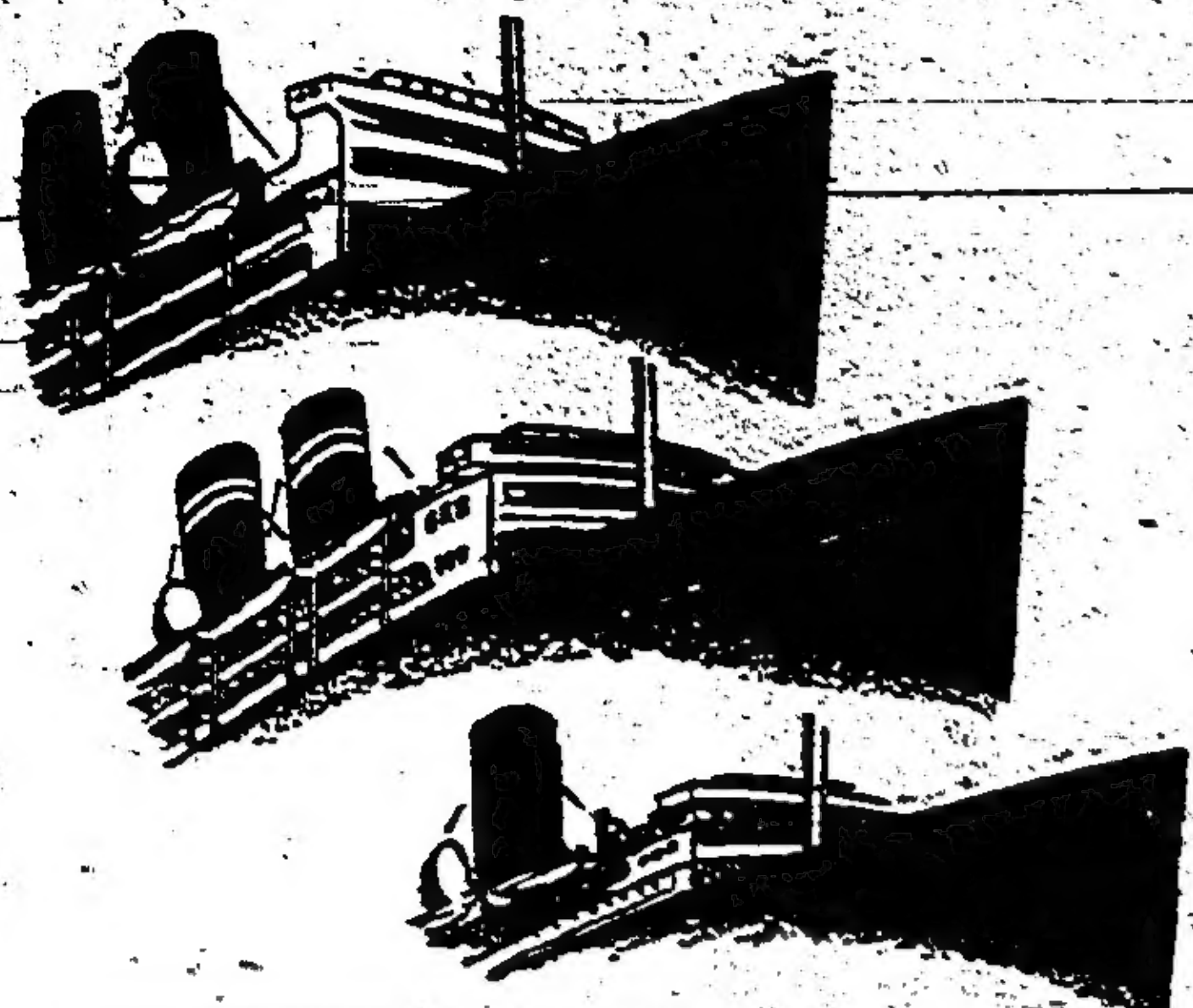
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ENGLAND'S GREAT ORGANISER

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Lord Trenchard's rapid and effective organisation of the Independent Air Force was characteristic of his ability. Long before this he had demonstrated that he was no ordinary soldier. Two years before the war broke out he was in Africa with his regiment, the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He came home on leave, and found that the Royal Flying Corps was in course of formation. He decided to join it, although he knew nothing about flying, for aviation then was a novelty.

In Ten Days

The War Office sanctioned his application, but to his dismay said that he must qualify as a pilot before ten days had elapsed. If he did not do so within that time he would be regarded as too old, and would have to return to his regiment.

Trenchard promptly set off for Brooklands, where Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith was running a flying school, and by applying himself daily to his task from sunrise to sunset he gained his "ticket" within a week.

Two months later he had been appointed as instructor at the Central Flying School, of which he became Assistant Commandant in 1913. A year afterwards the war broke out. The Royal Flying Corps, on the quaint machines of the period, flew to France and Capt. Trenchard was left behind.

His job was a formidable one. Out of nothing he had to help to build up a new organisation great enough to meet the needs of his comrades overseas. Before the end of 1914 he was in France, in command of the 1st Wing. Nine months later he was in control of the R.F.C. in the field. How he succeeded in that post and in the others that followed is too well-known to need recapitulation.

Great In Peace

At the end of the war he was in charge of the greatest Air Force in the world, consisting of nearly 30,000 officers and 263,000 other ranks. It had to be scrapped. Out of the ruins he formed the organisation now in existence.

Lord Trenchard was as great in peace as in war. He laid the foundations of the remarkable system of training that is now in operation for officers and airmen and apprentices. He took the fullest advantage of the public schools. He introduced a short-service commission that is essential for the purposes of a young and adequate reserve. A fine Staff College was established.

Then, his great task accomplished, he retired. Within a little more than 18 months Lord Trenchard took charge of the Metropolitan Police. He promptly considered the whole organisation of the force. Defects were found. There was no attempt to patch them up; they conflicted with his passion for efficiency.

After attention to a hundred minor changes he carried through, as completely and thoroughly as in the Royal Air Force, a far-reaching scheme designed to fit the Metropolitan Police Force for what he regarded as modern needs.

LONDON LETTER

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Good News

This is good news for the hundreds of London residents who are gradually leaving the metropolis to find homes in the suburbs of the surrounding counties.

This migration is rapidly diminishing the County of London's population. Statistics issued by the County Council show that the estimated population of the 28 Metropolitan Boroughs and the City of London in the middle of 1934 was 4,230,200, compared with 4,397,000 at the census of 1931, a decrease of nearly 167,000 in three years.

Incidentally, many suburban residents are moving to make room for Londoners. The next step from the suburbs is to the country or the south coast, which improved transport services now make easily accessible for those who work in London during the day.

Roman Maidens Set Pace

Noble Roman people who lived in London 1800 years ago had front door keys, lip-stick and eye-black to beautify the Roman maidens, and hunting weapons with which to chase the wild boars where London buses and railways now run.

This is revealed by Mr. Quintin Waddington, assistant curator at the Guildhall Museum, who has been delving into dust-bins and dust-pits into which the rubbish of Roman households was once tipped.

Night life in Roman London was not very gay evidently, for the lamps they had were more like night lights, said Mr. Waddington in a lecture on his discoveries.

Those London Roman maidens had something of the spirit of our own society girls, for there must have been occasions when they were permitted to fling off their shoes and go barefooted, he declares.

He deduces this from the fact that some of the shoes had pretty decorations on the soles which would never have been put on if they were not to be looked at sometimes.

Keeping Slim

Later, the girls went in for games as much as the men, but they were not so anxious to be proficient at sport as to keep slim.

Excellent blacksmiths and carpenters were among the Romans. Tools which have been lying in London mud for 1800 years are so well preserved, it is claimed, that they could be sharpened and used to-day.

Roman manufacturers believed in advertising and never missed opportunities to write their names on anything they made, such as a pot. Much of their handwriting was very bad. One inscription found seemed to read: "This contains very old fish sauce pickled in brine of the first quality."

An important Roman find described by Mr. Waddington is part of a memorial stone to a Classicist, Procurator of the province of Britain. It was uncovered in underground railway excavations. It has proved that the old historian

Tacitus, who mentioned it in his writings, was correct, for the stone joins up with another section which has been in the British Museum since 1852.

Geography Without Tears

School children in London are theoretically sailing the seven seas by means of an original scheme introduced for teaching geography.

With the co-operation of a firm of steamship owners, four tramp ships have been "adopted" by four schools and each school has been put into direct touch with the captain and officers of its adopted ship.

Direct correspondence then follows between the personnel of the ship and the school. By this means, the pupils, under the guidance of their geography master, are able to follow the ship's route, study trade routes, ports and countries visited, and to obtain first-hand information on trade and the destination and sources of exports and imports. This, as stated in a report to the London County Council Education Committee, gives young people a keener appreciation of geography and commerce than just routine lessons.

Experiment To Be Extended

The experiment has found such interest amongst London children, that it is to be extended into the country. A central office organisation is to be set up to act as a clearing house for distributing letters, duplicating reports and for receiving and forwarding shipowners' reports.

As the scheme grows, it is probable that 800 ships will be available and for some time the scheme can be worked on the basis of one ship for each school.

An annual subscription of £2 a year is suggested and it has been recommended that in London alone the facility should be given to 100 schools.

Wren Church To Go

The last church to be reconstructed by Sir Christopher Wren after the Great Fire, on what is claimed to be the second oldest ecclesiastical foundation in London, is to be pulled down. This is the Church of All Hallows, in Lombard Street, the famous banking quarter of the City of London.

Its demolition will partly solve the problem of empty City churches, in contrast to the outlying areas of London, where churches are too few for the increasing populations. It is probable that the old church will be re-erected in an outlying district. A huge sum is expected to be paid for the City site of the Church when the building is removed.

The original church of All Hallows, Lombard Street, was built in 1053. It was partly destroyed by fire in 1666 and rebuilt by Wren.

The church to-day still contains the pulpit from which John Wesley preached. In the last few centuries office buildings have gradually obscured the edifice from view of the streets. A wall of the church was condemned as dangerous last year.

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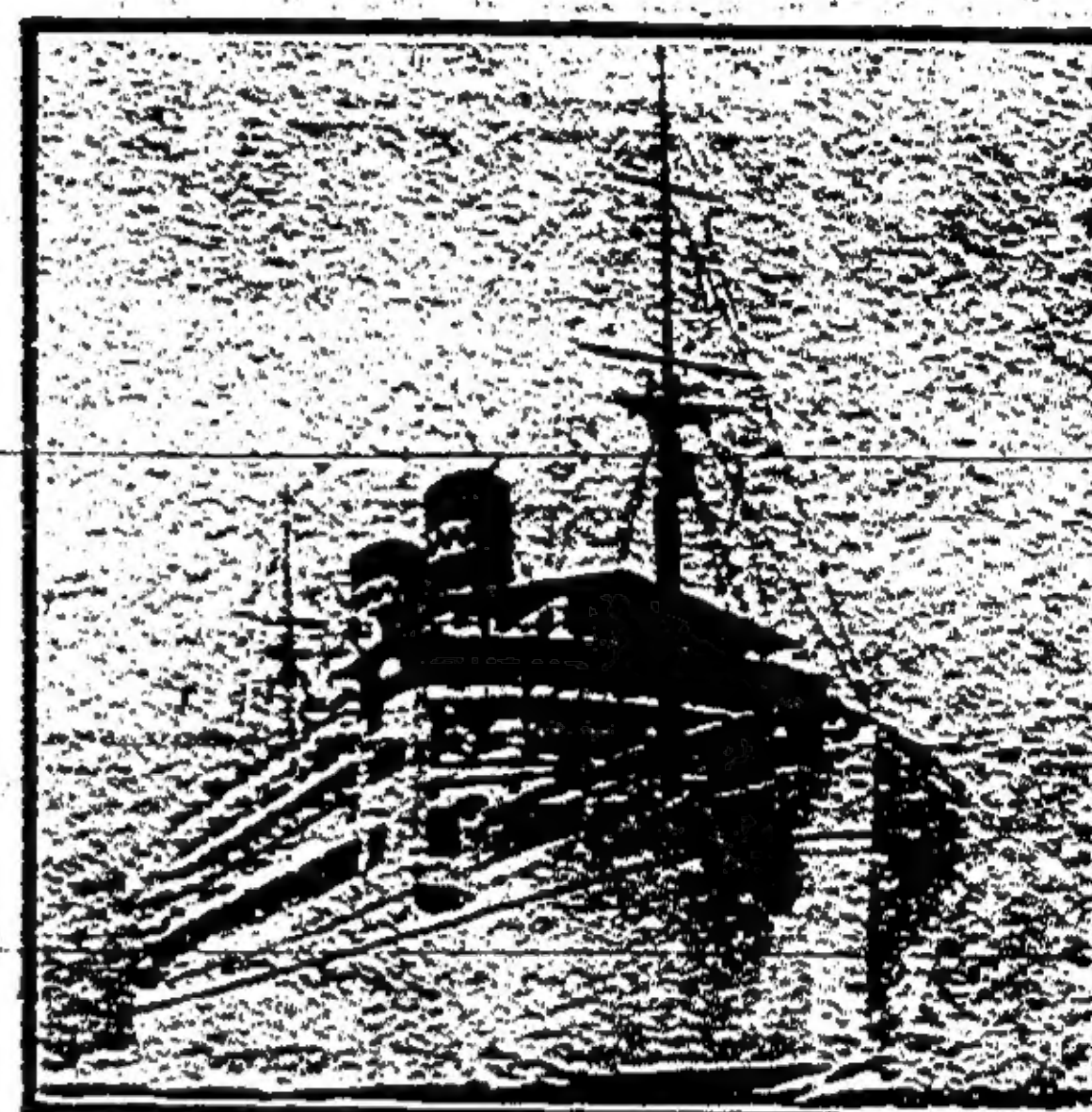
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POLITICS IN EGYPT

1923 CONSTITUTION
RESTORED

PRESENT PREMIER TO
RETAIN OFFICE

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Cairo, To-day.

A political crisis developed yesterday in an altogether unexpected manner when King Fuad signed a decree reinstating the Egyptian Constitution of 1923, whereupon the announcement followed that the Premier, Tawfik Nassim Pasha, who had tendered his resignation on Wednesday, would remain at the helm, at least for the time being.

It is asserted in political circles here that the King only consented to sign the decree after having had an assurance that Tawfik Nassim Pasha would retain office. It is considered certain that the Premier has taken this course after having received an assurance from the British authorities that the re-adoption of the 1923 constitution would be tolerated.

That this sequel to the complicated developments in Egypt took everybody by surprise is indicated by the fact that it is contrary to all the press predictions, even the English newspaper, the Egyptian Gazette, devoting a leading article yesterday to reviewing the career and appraising the work of Tawfik Nassim Pasha, predicting that his Government would now be succeeded by a "Concentration Cabinet." Trans-Ocean Service.

NO-BRITISH OBJECTION
Cairo. The British Embassy has informed Nassim Pasha that the British Government does not object to the restoration of the 1923 constitution. Students have already started celebrating the event. Reuters.

